

Dear Sir or Madame,

Lola has no coach but me, her father.

Lola has been on skis since age 1, chasing her friends down the slopes of Windham Mountain. For years, we purposely held her back from racing. We wanted her to find the pure joy of the sport before the pressure of the clock. We wanted her to love the mountain, not just the podium.

That love was tested when she was 8. Racing friends down the hill, she decided to show off by skiing backward. She caught an edge, somersaulted, and the high DIN setting on her skis snapped her growth plate. It was a brutal injury. But for Lola, the pain wasn't the break; it was the time off snow. She fought through rehab with a maturity beyond her years, driven by a single goal: getting back to the top of the mountain.

Today, Lola is 12 and a straight-A student, but she is fighting a different battle. She is currently on the "Trauma Track" at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for severe anxiety and panic attacks. Our home life has been upended by a mental health crisis, creating a dysfunctional environment that triggers her condition. Skiing is no longer just fun; it is her medicine. It is the only place where her racing mind goes quiet.

She recently told us, "I'd like to start racing now." She is ready to turn her trauma into speed. The CVA Momentum program is her chance to enter the U12/U14 pipeline, but our financial insolvency threatens to take this away. This scholarship isn't just buying lift tickets; it's buying Lola the space to breathe, to heal, and to rediscover the joy she found at age 1.

Lola is wise beyond her years, and a star athlete, as evident in her acceptance into this elite organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samuel Earle