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**CHARLIE'S ANGELS WALKING FOR A CURE IN WA'S LARGEST COMMUNITY EVENT**

Four young ladies from Perth are set to take on WA's largest community sporting event, the Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ, in a bid to raise money for The Leukemia Foundation, and as a tribute to a close friend. The four best friends are participating in honour of their friend Lavanya Scholes, who lost her battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia last year, after a 16 month fight. Lavanya was only 27 years old.

Out of 13 million registered bone marrow donors worldwide, none were a match for Scholes. A worldwide search for a donor sparked media interest across the globe as people were being tested in a bid to save Lavanya's life, but sadly Lavanya lost her battle to the disease in December 2009. Charlie's Angels consists of Laurie Davidson, Rachel Foy, Kim Parkin and Jess Henham-Barrow, all 21. The girls will be participating in the Appealathon 12km walk on Sunday 29 August.

The City to Surf's new fundraising initiative is welcoming participants to run for a cause in 2010 and the girls are enthusiastic about the opportunity, having already raised \$2010.00. The four friends are hoping to raise awareness about leukemia and raise money to fund patient support and vital research into better treatments and cures.

Named after Lavanya's favourite thing, her cat Charlie, the Angels saw the event as an opportunity to do something positive while also walking for a good cause. "After discussing it, we thought why not raise money while we're walking? The decision as to which charity to raise funds for was not a hard one, as we already had The Leukaemia Foundation in our sights." said team member Laurie Davidson.

Lavanya's family continue to spread the message about the importance of bone marrow donors and will be holding a blood testing drive for the donor registry on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Curtin University. Running from 12pm-2pm in Building 201, room 209, people aged between 18 and 40 can be tested. For more information, visit [www.abmdr.org.au](http://www.abmdr.org.au). Donations can be made to the Charlie's Angels City to Surf fundraising campaign by following the links at [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://www.perthcitytosurf.com).

The Activ Charity Challenge, as the city to surf's fundraising initiative is named, allows participants to choose from a list of over 90 charities to support. By setting up a simple fundraising page online, people can get sponsored for their efforts in the iconic Perth event.

The Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ will be held on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 and consists of the Chevron Marathon, Westpac Half Marathon, Channel Nine 12km Run, Appealathon 12km Walk, Westpac 11km Wheelchair and the Nissan 4km Walk/Run.

Registration links and information on the Activ Charity Challenge are available at [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://www.perthcitytosurf.com)

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