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### Little Beth set to take big steps in 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ

At the young age of two years old, Beth Ebert is set to make the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ one to remember. Beth, a toddler with Down Syndrome, has been announced as the Activ Ambassador for 2011 and will be participating in the 4km walk alongside her family.

The Chevron City to Surf for Activ, now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, is Activ's major annual fundraising event, with money raised from the event directly benefiting people like Beth.

Beth's mother Jane Ebert said her daughter could not yet walk but was trying very hard.

"We would love for her to take her first steps in the City to Surf!" Ms Ebert said.

Ms Ebert said she was very proud and excited about her daughter's new role.

"Every mum is proud as punch about their kids and it's no different with Beth.

"It is exciting that Beth can show the world that having Down Syndrome in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century can be just a part of who she is and won't stop her from having an independent lifestyle", she said.

Activ Development and Fundraising Manager Pauline Green said Beth was one of their youngest clients and would likely require Activ services for most of her life.

"These services may include accommodation, employment and independent living but our services are always developing and are largely needs-based.

"Today Activ supports over 2300 children and adults with an intellectual disability so the money raised through the Chevron City to Surf for Activ goes a long way to provide our clients with a better life", Ms Green said.

Registrations are now open for this year's Chevron City to Surf for Activ so people can register themselves or a team today and let the fundraising begin!

The Chevron City to Surf for Activ is Western Australia's largest community event and includes a Marathon, Half Marathon, 12km Run, 12km walk, 4km run/walk and 4km wheelchair event. This year will be held on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Further details can be found on the Chevron City to Surf for Activ website [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://www.perthcitytosurf.com).

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Jane is available for interview as Beth cannot yet speak.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **About City to Surf for Activ**

The City to Surf for Activ is Western Australia's biggest community event and is Activ's major fundraising event. Now its 37<sup>th</sup> year, it has become the second largest official timed race in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 40,000 participants in 2010, event organisers expect entries in 2011 to top this. For the last 36 years, the Perth City to Surf has been an icon on the Western Australian sporting calendar, capturing the hearts of tens of thousands of people have embraced the event. The Chevron City to Surf for Activ takes place this year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

Participants can select from various events including the Marathon, Half Marathon, 12km Run/Walk, and 4km Run/Walk/Wheelchair.

The Marathon and Half Marathon courses are one of the most picturesque in the world, offering runners the opportunity to run past key Perth landmarks including the Swan River, Kings Park on to the beautiful Indian Ocean at City Beach, The Marathon, Half Marathon and 12km Run/ Walk races all start in Perth CBD on St Georges Terrace while the 4km has its start precinct at MacLean Park in Floreat. All races finish on West Coast Highway in City Beach.

The 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ registrations are now open at [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://www.perthcitytosurf.com) .

### **About Activ**

Activ is one of the largest disability service providers in Western Australia. The organisation provides accommodation, employment, transport, recreation, respite, training and community support to thousands of people with disabilities and their families. Activ's services are provided across the Perth metropolitan area, as well as in regional towns, Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kellerberrin, Manjimup and Narrogin.

Established in 1951, the community organisation is celebrating 60 years of enabling people with disabilities and their families to pursue a better life. For more information, Activ visit [www.activ.asn.au](http://www.activ.asn.au)

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