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Chaucer climbs high to help hearing loss



Ten courageous volunteers from Chaucer will climb a demanding 842 steps to the 34th floor of the BT Tower on Friday 31 October 2014, to raise funds for UK charity Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID).

Action on Hearing Loss is the largest charity funding support for people affected by hearing loss and tinnitus in the UK. They offer

practical and emotional support to the many people who are living with the distressing condition every day of their lives.

The volunteers - John Fowle, Angela Baxter, Martin Bennett, Richard Bazzaz, Daniel Willis, Kevin Iles, Dominic Godfrey, Wendy Man, Polya Pancheva and Alex Clarke from Chaucer's London and Whitstable office, will climb the iconic communication tower in support of the charity's UK-wide community services and pioneering biomedical research into a cure for hearing loss.

Steve Trautner, who organises volunteering opportunities for Chaucer, commented:

"We are proud to support this worthy cause and be a part of the spectacular event. The Chaucer Foundation is always looking for volunteering or sponsorship opportunities and this event grabbed our attention straight away. It not only enables participants to have fun, but also do their bit to help support the great work that Action on Hearing loss is doing".

David Steadman, Action on Hearing Loss' Executive Director of Fundraising and Marketing, commented:

“Most of us have someone we love who faces hearing loss, and know how hard it can make relationships and everyday life. We are incredibly grateful to our supporters who do so much to make our life-changing work possible, so parents, grandparents, and everyone with hearing loss can overcome their challenges and live fulfilling lives”.

Last year more than 100 people, including 2013’s deaf Big Brother winner Sam Evans, climbed the 842 steps, raising over £25,000 in support of the charity’s community services and pioneering research into a cure for hearing loss and tinnitus.

You can support the Chaucer Foundation fundraising efforts by visiting <https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/chaucerstairmasters>

For more details visit <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/running-and-sports-events/london/bt-tower-climb.aspx>

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About us

The BT Tower Climb event is supported by the Chaucer Foundation, which was created in 2013 to provide volunteering, fundraising and support for charitable initiatives local to Chaucer offices. The aim of the Foundation is to help make a real difference in our communities and to inspire greater volunteer contribution in improving disadvantaged lives.

Organisations may apply for grants at any time. Applications for Foundation funding will be reviewed and approved quarterly by the Chaucer Foundation Board. For further information please contact enquiries@chaucer-foundation.org.uk

About Action on Hearing Loss

- Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID) is the UK's largest hearing loss charity, working for a world where hearing loss doesn't limit or label people, where tinnitus is silenced and where people value and look after their hearing. For further information about Action on Hearing Loss's fundraising events, visit actiononhearingloss.org.uk/fundraising or call 020 7296 8172
- Hearing loss affects 10 million people across the UK and this number is growing. One day, it will affect each and every one of us.