

# Edinburgh duo off to cycle Death Valley for Barnardo's



*Death Valley Cycle with Barnardo's – tickets still available for Silent Auction on 27 February.*

An Edinburgh father and son team will cycle 1,100kms through Californian desert for children's charity later this year.

A 75 year-old man who has survived five strokes and a heart bypass is preparing to cycle more than 1100kms from Las Vegas to Los Angeles in just 6 days with his son.

George Stewart Sr (75) and his son George Jr (40) are all set for their epic cycle journey taking them from Las Vegas to Los Angeles via Death Valley, in support of Barnardo's Children's Charity. This is not any ordinary journey which will help transform peoples lives, it's a journey that George Sr has literally had his heart set on completing.

George Sr is a resilient man, surviving five major strokes, learning to walk and talk again, whilst also coping with a heart bypass. Given this DNA, you now start to understand where George Jr gets his energy and sense of drive from.

Speaking ahead of the silent fundraising charity auction he has organised in the Apex International Hotel, in Edinburgh on Thursday 27 February 2014 George Jr commented:- "I can hardly believe we have got here. It's only a week until we arrive in the States to set off on our life changing adventure. My dad and I have cycled all of our lives and wanted to give something back. We've talked about creating lasting memories from this trip, it's certainly something dad and I will never forget, but more importantly the funds we raise will help transform the lives of children supported by Barnardo's, which

we know will help create life chances these children will never forget too.”

The support for the challenge has been fantastic, with local business, and the staff and students at Edinburgh College , where George Jnr works, lending their support in terms cash pledges, event and equipment sponsorship.

With seven days to go before the trip is live, the George's are looking to beat their £6,000, or £5.45 per kilometre target, so a final push can help get them there.

Tickets for the auction are still available via the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Death-Valley-Cycle-with-Barnardos/432013613547277>

Donations can be made via their Virgin “just giving” page.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=deathvalleycycle>

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