

Charity to benefit from husband and wife Gumball Rally 3000 team



A husband and wife team are setting out to complete 50 Random Acts of Kindness during the Gumball 3000 event! Garreth Wood, owner of The Speratus Group, and Nicola Wood will try to complete the challenge in an attempt to reach the £100,000 for the charity "When You Wish Upon A Star" so that together they can cover the total costs for the entire experience, which include the charter of a private airplane and all accommodation to send 100 terminally ill children and helpers to Lapland to meet Santa this winter.

For each of the Random Acts of Kindness the pair completes, Garreth's company, The Speratus Group will donate £2,000. To reach the £100,000 target they must complete all 50 selfless acts of kindness towards lucky strangers whilst journeying throughout America and Europe... one stop being right here in Edinburgh on 8 June 2014!!

All money raised goes directly to the charity which aims to grant the wishes of children throughout Scotland suffering from life-threatening illnesses. 50 Random Acts of Kindness will send a group of inspiring children (and their 100 helpers) on a magical journey to Lapland to meet Santa and enjoy a traditional sleigh ride with Rudolph and his friends.

Gumball 3000 is an international motor rally where participants drive 3000 miles over the course of a week.

Founded in 1999 Gumball 3000 has seen a number of celebrities take part over the years such as David Hasselhoff, Snoop Dogg and David Guetta. The 2014 route, drivers will travel from Miami to Ibiza and, for the first time, the event will visit Edinburgh. Garreth Wood will be taking part in the event, travelling the first leg of the journey with school friend William Rhind and completing the Europe leg with his wife Nicola Wood. This will be Garreth's 3rd year participating in the rally.

The Scottish trio will complete the Gumball 3000 in a customised Rolls-Royce named the 'Velvet Phantom'. The rightly named 'Velvet Phantom' will be hard to miss; decorated in sleek red chrome and black velvet. Nicola Wood, a former Miss Scotland and Miss UK, will join her husband on the 8th of June and travel from Edinburgh to Ibiza via London, Paris and Barcelona.

✘ Being the only Scottish team in this multinational race, the 'Velvet Phantom's' chrome boot will be filled with Scottish favourites such as Walkers Shortbread, Tunnock's Teacakes, Lego, T-shirts and many other goodies which they will be handing out to the other drivers and lucky members of the public.

Garreth and Nicola Wood commented,

"We are truly honoured to be able to support the 'When You Wish Upon a Star' charity and the The Spirit of Christmas Lapland Appeal.

The Lapland Appeal creates magical memories for children and families dealing with life threatening or terminal illnesses.

We love the idea that by funding the Lapland Appeal we are enabling children and their families to have a truly amazing time together, building important memories and a break from gruelling treatments.

Nicola and I eagerly await the looks of joy on the children's faces when they meet Santa and we will both be there to help make this trip an unforgettable experience for the children and their families.

With the full support of The Speratus group, Nicola and I will work tirelessly to raise over £100,000 on this year's Gumball 3000 with the full amount all going to When You Wish Upon a Star."

Margaret Rowarth, Scotland Fundraising Manager for, When You Wish Upon A Star said,

"It is very difficult to put into such few words just how thrilled and delighted we are as a charity to have such incredible support from Garreth and Nicola Wood. Their support will make such a significant difference to the lives of our Wish children, by enabling us as a charity to take 100 very poorly children from all over Scotland with a life threatening illness together with a parent/guardian, to experience what will promise to be a magical trip to visit Santa Claus in Lapland this December.

Garreth and Nicola's part in the Gumball Rally 2014 together with their "50 Random Acts Kindness" will also inspire other people to get involved and improve the profile of our charity in Scotland which will also enable us to engage with more children and families who will benefit from our experience and dedication as Wish granters."

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