

Vasculitis Charity Races to £500K with 5K Walk and Run

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On Saturday 25 June from 11:00 AM the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation (<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/>) will be holding their annual charity 5K Walk and Run at Dean Castle Country Park, Dean Rd, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA3 1XB.

The run is a great opportunity to have fun with friends and family, stay healthy and help raise money for a great cause. As well as increasing awareness of vasculitis, money raised will continue to fund the patient support services the charity provides as well as the funding research into this rare illness. The charity organises quarterly patient support groups in Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh and also funds respite breaks at The Twilight Cabin (<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/lctf-cabin-public.html>) in Argyllshire.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation 5K Walk and Run will be taking place at the historical Dean Castle Country Park (<http://www.eastayrshireleisure.com/index.php?a=landing&id=3&sid=37&mid=121>) in Kilmarnock, the hometown of the charity's founders Grant and Adrienne Currie.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation was created by Grant and Adrienne following the death of their 15-year old daughter and only child Lauren in 2010. Lauren had suffered from Wegener's granulomatosis, a variant of the auto-immune disease vasculitis.

Lauren's condition was only diagnosed in the final hours of her life and her parents realised that, with earlier diagnosis, her life could have been saved.

Grant Currie said, "It's shocking how little is known about vasculitis.

"If vasculitis is detected earlier the outcomes for patients can be greatly improved. The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation strives to raise the profile of vasculitis within the medical community and the general public. Encouraging earlier diagnosis will reduce cases of severe organ damage and save lives.

"Events such as our 5K Walk and Run are important to help raise awareness of vasculitis and support those who have been affected by the disease.

"We are looking forward to seeing everyone who comes along to support our campaign and raise awareness of vasculitis!"

The charity is happy to collaborate with other charities that support the fight against vasculitis, including those in the United States.

The event is free to enter and registration can be completed online at:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vasculitis-awareness-fun-run-walk-it-or-run-it-for-vasculitis-tickets-25251559093>

Event Details:

Dean Castle Country Park, Dean Rd, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA3 1XB
Saturday 25 June, 11:00 AM

If you would like to know more about the foundation's work, you can see Dr Hilary Jones talk about the charity here: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/patrons.htm...>

Links:

LCFT Website: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/>

LCFT Respite: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/lctf-cabin-public.html>

Entry:

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Images of previous fundraising events are available on request.

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What is the background to The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation?

Lauren was only 15 when she tragically and prematurely lost her battle with vasculitis five years ago on October 23 2010 at Crosshouse Hospital. Lauren died from Wegener's Granulomatosis – a form of vasculitis which had remained undiagnosed until the final hours of her life. Lauren's lungs had been fatally damaged by vasculitis, which resulted in internal bleeding and contributed to her death.

The charity was founded within a couple of days of Lauren's death by her parents, Grant and Adrienne. The charity was named in Lauren's memory as a tribute to their daughter's inspirational character and features 'Twilight' in the title in recognition of the love she had for the Twilight books and the films. The charity was set up to help and support anyone affected by vasculitis, to raise awareness of the disease throughout the United Kingdom and to fund dedicated research that seeks to identify and improve treatments.

Lauren's charity was formerly registered in Scotland in December 2010 with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Charity Registration Number SC041934.