



MEDIA ALERT

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WALK WITH RYAN KELLY

The health challenges faced by Ryan Kelly have not been enough to hold him back from living life at full throttle – like any five year old.

He's faced Down syndrome, acute myeloid leukaemia, a cleft palate as well as hearing and vision impairments.

Now in remission from leukaemia, he's getting on with the fun, boy-business of being brother to Orla (Orla) seven and Ciara (Ciara) one.

His parents, Paul and Rebecca Kelly, offer Ryan the same opportunities most youngsters enjoy – trampoline, I-pad, mainstream school, swimming lessons, dog, dinosaurs as well as singing and dancing.

Ryan is an ambassador for StGiles annual fundraising and awareness event, Walk With Me on Saturday, November 12.

The Kelly family wants to highlight the ability of people living with disability and the need for the community to financially support StGiles, the institution that helps Ryan and another 6674 Tasmanian children who need disability support or early intervention therapies.

They would love to see as many people as possible join them for the short Walk with Me parade down Brisbane Street, from the Myer corner to City Park.

“It's a great opportunity for adults and children to break down some of the disability barriers and promote meaningful inclusion,” StGiles general manager engagement and profile Danielle Blewett said.

Walk with Me participants will enjoy free activities in City Park by Playgroup Tasmania, a Rotary Club of Launceston sausage sizzle, face painting, Tassie's biggest pass the parcel, a treasure hunt and giant musical chairs by students from St Patrick's College Ascent Mentoring Program.

The City Park train will be free for Walk With Me participants, sponsored by Roasted Coffee.

Registration and donations for Walk With Me are available online at www.stgiles.org.au/walk-with-me-registration or on the day in Brisbane Street Mall from 9am.

Walkers will leave the Myer corner at 10.30am

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