



TOP LINE-UP:
Amber,
Katherine,
Allison, Natalie,
John, Nathan,
Stuart and
Elliot the dog.
Picture: BIANCA
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Charity champs bolt home with big bucks

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TOGETHER the members of this colourful group represent some of the biggest fundraisers for the 42nd Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run.

Stuart Brown has topped the individual fundraiser list, gathering about \$13,000 for the Childhood Cancer Association, the charity his team – Bartons to Bay for CCA – is supporting.

Mr Brown, a director at accounting practice Bartons, said as a whole his team had raised more than \$50,000.

"I'm very passionate about the organisation as I understand the amazing services they deliver to the kids (and) families," he said.

"They just do an amazing job for people who are, through no fault of their own, in a very difficult situation."

Mr Brown will hit the road with thousands of other charitable participants today, including Katherine Elia, who is walking the 12km leg with Team Adam Running for Ronald McDonald House.

Ms Elia, who is a corporate development relationships manager at Ronald McDonald House, said her team of 547 people – Team Adam's largest ever – was "very close" to raising \$15,000.

She added that the money raised was "hugely important" to the charity.

"We have 20 families that we accommodate each night here at the house and we don't

get any government funding, so everything that is donated to the house through this initiative will go to supporting those families and helping us build on the programs that we provide here in South Australia," she said.

Amber Poudel, on the other hand, will walk the 12km leg with Amble for Australian Refugee Association (ARA).

Amble for ARA helps people from refugee backgrounds to become settled and participating citizens of Australia.

Mr Poudel – who was born in Bhutan but fled to Nepal where he was a refugee for nearly 18 years before arriving in Australia – said he was "very excited" to join team Amble for ARA, which had raised more than \$9000.

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