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## Bromsgrove teenager's campaign fund receives four-figure boost

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A FUND set up to support a Bromsgrove teenager struck by a rare condition has been boosted by a generous four-figure donation.

North Bromsgrove High School pupil Lauren Rowles suffers from Transverse Myelitis, a rare disease of the central nervous system.

After the 14-year-old's spinal cord was damaged, this led to the loss of sensation and movement from her chest downwards. Lauren is now in a wheelchair as she cannot walk.

A campaign was set up to raise money to purchase a £14,000 bike, which helps prevent muscle wasting in her legs. The money needed was raised within weeks.

The year 10 pupil has ambitions to compete in the 2016 Paralympic Games, being held in Rio, so money is now being raised for the Ready charity, which helps fund the cost of sports equipment for disabled athletes.

Staff from the Birmingham-based head office of SkyBlue recently won a corporate challenge, which meant they were able to donate more than £1,000 to a charity or their choice.

Service manager Sonia Wellington, whose daughter attends the school, suggested the money be donated to Lauren's fund-raising campaign, and last Thursday a cheque for £1,248 was handed over.

"We were delighted to be able to support Lauren who despite suffering a rare and life affecting disease, continues to inspire others with her outlook and determination," she said.



Fund boosted: North Bromsgrove High School pupil Lauren Rowles with Sophie Wellington, from the SkyBlue firm which has donated more than £1,000 to Lauren's campaign. Ref:s

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