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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter's Wheelie Big Effort Leads the Way

16-year-old Peter from Ocean Reef is leading the way in this year's Wheelie Big Challenge Great Escape Raffle.

The Wheelie Big Raffle is organised each year in conjunction with The Centre's Wheelie Big Challenge to help raise vital funds in support of people with Cerebral Palsy in WA.

Peter says he has sold over 20 books already this year and hopes to sell even more before the 30th April when the Raffle is being drawn. He says it's not hard to sell a \$2 ticket especially when there are some Great Escape prizes like trips to Broome and The Great Outdoors valued at over \$5,000.

Peter is one the reigning Champions from the 2008 Wheelie Big Challenge (WBC) a fun event designed to Champion people like Peter who have CP and like disabilities. One of the highlights of event is the Relay Wheelchair Race. Last year Peter's team took home gold against the TV Personalities and AFL Football Legends teams who finished second and third to Peter and his team in the Power Wheelchair division.

Peter is looking forward to participating in this year's WBC which is being held on the beautiful Burswood Park Foreshore on Sunday April 5th starting at 11.00am.

The WBC is a community event where everyone is welcome to attend to cheer Peter and his team on as they take on TV Celebrities and AFL Stars to retain the Cup from this year's Challenge. Other highlights include a special visit by Fat Cat and Fairy Queen Caroline as well as loads of other fun activities for everyone.

Entry is free and Peter will be there selling raffle tickets in between his wheelchair races. The funds Peter raises from raffle ticket sales will go towards the ongoing upkeep of The Centre's Young Adult Respite Home in Balcatta where Peter spends time away from home developing his independence and spending time with friends his own age.

The Centre's Business Development Manager, Kathy Kane says, "Peter's effort has been amazing he is really helping us to meet the challenge of raising \$15,000 in ticket sales towards this year's Challenge." It is only through the support of people like Peter and the wider community that the Centre can continue to provide essential support and services to 1,000 people living with CP and maintain our 33 facilities which include the Young Adult Respite Home which is an important part of Peter's life.

To find out how you can help Peter win the Champion Raffle Ticket Seller this year, or more information about the Wheelie Big Challenge Relay Races on the 5th April please visit www.wheeliebigchallenge.com.au or phone us on (08)9443 0276.

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FACTS ABOUT CEREBRAL PALSY

- *CP is a permanent physical condition that affects movement.*
- *In Australia a child is born with CP every 18 hours.*
- *Australians under 18 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy than cancer.*
- *There is no pre-birth test, no known cure and severity is on the increase.*
- *For most the cause of CP is unknown.*
- *CP is not a disease, it is not contagious.*
- *CP can be as mild as just a weakness in one hand ranging to almost complete lack of movement.*
- *Since 1951 The Cerebral Palsy Association has forged an enviable reputation as one of the leading disability service providers in WA. In line with the outstanding work we do in the area of CP management and support to those with disability, on 13 March 2007 we adopted a new name The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and colourful new logo.*