

Trailblazer challenge aims to break \$200,000 fundraising record

COME on South Australia, it's time to break another record.

The Advertiser HomeStart Trailblazer Challenge is aiming to raise more than \$200,000, a record set at the previous challenge in 2010.

In the event which will be held in just over two weeks, on October 8 and 9, more than 1000 people will participate as teams over 18km, 34km, 50km or 100km.

Proceeds raised from the event support the important work of Operation Flinders,



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Novita Children's Services, World Youth International, Sight for All and other Rotary nominated charities.

Operation Flinders Foundation is a SA-based charity that runs world-leading wilderness adventure programs for young people at

risk. Recently I saw this award-winning program in action in the far northern Flinders Ranges and was inspired and impressed with the impact this program is having on young lives.

For many years I have also had a close connection with Novita Children's Services. Having a mild case of cerebral palsy, I know how important and vital their services are for more than 1300 South Australian children living with a physical disability or an

acquired brain injury.

So let's recognise the top five fundraising teams to date: Comunet, Team Boulderstone 2011, Helga's Hellraisers, Downhill Champions and conTgo Crawlers. Well done!

Now, it's not too late to get involved. For the people who participated in the record-breaking City Bay Fun Run on Sunday here is your chance to compete again.

You have to compete in teams of at least two and I suggest you register for the

18km course, which follows the Linear Trail from Pinky Flat in the city, along the Torrens River to Black Hill Conservation Park at Athelstone. This section is fully paved and is accessible to wheelchairs.

If you are unable to participate in this year's event you can still be involved by sponsoring a friend or work colleague involved in the event or by visiting the Trailblazer website www.trailblazer.org.au and

making a donation - those over \$2 are tax deductible.

With our population just over 1.6 million, *imagine* the amount raised if we all gave just \$2.

A sensational record would be set and more importantly young people would get a better chance in life and grow as valued members of our community.

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