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FIREFIGHTERS SCRUB UP FOR CHARITY

Firefighters from Wokingham Road fire station are holding a charity car wash at the fire station from 10am until 4pm on Saturday 17 April to raise money for two fantastic causes.

Part of the proceeds will go to The FireFighters Charity, which provides a range of services for fire and rescue service personnel and their families, including therapy and rehabilitation for injured firefighters. The crews will also be raising money for Leukaemia CARE, which provide care and support to people whose lives have been affected by leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and allied blood disorders.

Reading mum Vicki Adams, who lives near the fire station, asked the firefighters if they would help her raise funds for Leukaemia CARE – a cause close to her heart as a close friend's son is currently receiving treatment for leukaemia. Vicki will also be running in the London Marathon on 25 April for the charity.

Vicki said: "When a friend's child is diagnosed with leukaemia it really brings home the effect that this can have. George was only four and about to start at Aldryngton Primary in Earley and join my son Stephen.

"It has been a lifelong ambition of mine to run in the London Marathon and to be able to combine this with supporting such a great charity - I just had to jump at the chance! I would like to thank the fire and rescue service for their support, their response has been tremendous. If anyone would like to help me to help families like George's, please look at my Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/vickiadams

Firefighter Ross Burton, who has organised the car wash, said: "We are really pleased to help Vicki raise money for such a brilliant charity which really makes a difference to people when they need it most. The FireFighters Charity also does a great job in helping fire and rescue service staff cope with the aftermath of injury or illness. We hope lots of people will bring their cars along for a good wash and at the same time help us raise as much money as possible for these two very worthwhile charities."

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