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Press Release

CHARITY RALLY RAISES £2,000 IN MEMORY OF AARON

A charity rally held in memory of CRC student Aaron Cook set off from the College at the weekend to travel to Great Yarmouth, launched by Cambridge mayor Russ McPherson.

The event, which raised nearly £2,000 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance appeal, was organised by Aaron's family to mark what would have been the student's 21st birthday.

Around 30 cars and bikes joined the rally, the second held in memory of Aaron after his tragic death last year in a road accident. The keen motorcyclist was killed when a lorry pulled out of a junction as he was on his way back home to Willingham.

Aaron was nearing the end of his CRC course in Forensic Science and Criminal Psychology when he died; he was awarded a posthumous triple distinction for his work.

Aaron's mother Gwen said the family wanted to mark Aaron's birthday with a fun rally after the success of the first one, which raised an amazing £3,200.

"East Anglian Air Ambulance is solely funded by charity donations and saves many lives every year. Sadly they could not do anything for my son Aaron, but I know he would want his name and memory to be in conjunction with such a worthy charity," she said.

"Anyone of us, any day of the week, could unfortunately need their help, so please help them now."

Aaron's sister Gemma is still collecting money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. To make a donation, go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Jemma-Cook>.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.