*Pr Cycling Scouser - Photocall*

*June 2018*

**PHOTOCALL NOTICE - WAVE GOODBYE TO THE CYCLING SCOUSER**

The Cycling Scouser, also known as Andrew Rogerson, will be given a hero’s goodbye from Manchester Airport on Saturday 30th June to embark on an epic six week, 3,343 mile fundraising cycling adventure across America.

Andrew hopes to raise £30,000 for The Charlie’s Chance Foundation, which was set up was set up when the son of a close friend and work colleague of Andrew's, Charlie, was diagnosed with Leukaemia and was in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant.

He will do this by cycling from Seattle to New Jersey in just 42 days.

**Photo opportunity:** Andrew waves goodbye to his family, friends and supporters ready to set off on his six week incredible journey.

**When:** Saturday 30th June, 11:30am.

**Where:** Manchester Airport, M90 1QX.

**Background:**

On 5th May 2015, an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision set off from Shanghai, China on a global cycling expedition, in the hopes of raising money and awareness for blood cancer charity, Anthony Nolan.

Andrew Rogerson was a regular man, working in Liverpool as an auto-electrician. When his best friend’s son, Charlie, was diagnosed with Leukaemia at just four years of age, and managed to beat the illness twice thanks to the support of Anthony Nolan, Andrew was inspired to give something back.

In late 2014, Andrew set himself the challenge of cycling 10,000 miles, across 19 countries in just 151 days.

Andrew gave up his flat, sold his car, took unpaid leave from his job and bought a one-way ticket to China.

So, marked the start of the astonishing journey of Cycling Scouser.

His goal was to raise £5,000, he ended up raising over £27,000.

Following his incredible achievement, Andrew was nominated for Fundraiser of the Year at the Pride of Merseyside Awards 2015. Instead of winning his category, Cycling Scouser was awarded the prestigious title of Pride of Merseyside 2015 - the overall winner of the evening.

Andrew was also crowned the North West winner of the Pride of Britain awards in 2016.

To find out more about Andrew’s journey and to donate to Charlie’s Chance, visit the Cycling Scouser’s JustGiving page: The Cycling Scouser’s JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cyclingscouser>

**ENDS**

**Notes to editors:**

The aim of the foundation is to relieve sickness and promote and preserve good health of children with cancer by the provision of funding. Charlie’s Chance assists with fundraising to enable children with cancer to access beneficial treatments not offered by the NHS and to provide emotional and other support for them, their families and carers.

Andrew’s journey begins on the 2nd July 2018 from Seattle. You can donate to Charlie’s Chance through The Cycling Scouser’s JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cyclingscouser>

For further information on Charlie’s Chance Foundation and Cycling Scouser, please visit: <http://www.charlieschancefoundation.org/>

For more information, please contact Claire Robinson on 0161 850 0565 or at claire@wearejam.agency