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Gutsy City traders to strip for cancer relief

LONDON (Reuters) – City traders are set to raise eyebrows by posing for a nude calendar to raise money for a cancer charity.

The calendar will feature 12 people posing naked but with their modesty preserved, the KatCanDo charity for colon cancer told Reuters.

KatCanDo, which was set up by Kate Coles in 2004, is still looking for more people to fill the slots.

"It's a very serious attempt to raise money," said Stephen Coles, the husband of the charity's founder. "It will be tastefully done."

Kate Coles was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2003 and died in March 2006.

But some traders — a breed not renowned for being shy and retiring — were bashful.

"I think I give the world enough amusement without taking my clothes off," said one London-based dealer.

Nude calendars of ordinary people with strategically placed objects covering their modesty has become a popular way of raising money.

The phenomenon reached a wider audience with the film *Calendar Girls*, which was based on the true story of Women's Institute members who posed nude for a naughty charity calendar to raise money for leukaemia research.

The project follows a similar calendar in 2005 that featured hospital doctors and which sold around 5,000 copies, raising several thousand pounds to buy equipment and facilities not normally provided by the National Health Service.

KatCanDo added that donations can also be made through its website,

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<http://www.katcando.org.uk/>

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The Charity Commission registered the Charity in 2004 and its aim is ?to help cancer patients under the care of hospitals in North East Hampshire and South West Surrey, by raising funds for the provision of equipment and facilities not normally provided by the NHS?.

KatCanDo has had an extremely successful first year and we have raised over £80,000 since the charity was formed in March 2004. Our 2005 calendar, ?Doctors Uncovered?, has been our biggest fund-raiser and sold nearly 5,000 copies. Our 2006 calendar featuring drawings by children who have been treated for cancer and leukaemia at Frimley Park Hospital, is still available.

We are thrilled that we have been chosen as the Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd Sports and Social Clubs 'Nominated Charity' for the next 12months—see presentation picture opposite. We are also delighted to learn that KatCanDo has been chosen as the British and Commonwealth Women's Club of Brussels British Charity for 2006.

Under the guidance of Dr Massouh, Consultant Radiologist, who is a trustee of KatCanDo and our Medical Adviser, we have provided 4 artificial larynxes for patients with head and neck cancer, contributed half the cost of a Sentinel Node Probe, which is used in the treatment of breast cancer. and we have funded the start of a Palliative Care Reflexology Service at Frimley Park Hospital.

We have also agreed to help buy a blood-analysing machine for use on patients suffering from leukaemia and lymphatic cancers, an ultrasound probe which will enable early and more specific diagnosis of prostate cancer and we are currently arranging to provide a scanner for patients undergoing chemotherapy in the Haematology Day Unit. We have also bought a pressure-relieving seating system and two syringe drivers for patients at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

We are very proud of what we have achieved, but we couldn't have done it without the generosity of our supporters, so we would like to thank you all very much.