

In memory of Lauren



THE family of a young trainee hairdresser killed in a car accident is to hold a beauty contest to raise money for a Colchester charity.

Bedrooms at Colchester Night Shelter will be refurbished using funds raised by the family of Lauren Evans, who was a keen supporter until she died, aged 17, in December 2006.

A beauty contest will be held at town nightspot Liquid & Envy, with 18 to 25-

● **Memorial – Lauren Evans, a trainee hairdresser, died in a car accident almost two years ago.**

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year-old women invited to a heat on October 8, with the finalists competing in ballgowns on November 2.

Local businesses have already donated money and raffle prizes, while the club is to put up a plaque as a memorial to her.

Mother Jeanette Evans said her extended family had already supported the charity with a fun run and wanted to do more in Lauren's name.

"We find it therapeutic as a family because we feel that we are doing something for Lauren," she said.

"She was a trainee hairdresser on very little wages,

but she would always give out any money she had to the people selling the Big Issue, and if she was with people she would always make sure that we would do so as well.

"A lot of these people were on the streets through no fault of their own and she considered that she and her friends were lucky.

"We have already had quite substantial prize money donated by local businessmen and we're trying to get more.

"Everybody we have approached has been so kind and so accommodating.

"It's for a very worthwhile cause – they're trying to refurbish all the bedrooms there because they all need to be done.

"It just gives these young

people some sort of hope, really."

Colchester Night Shelter co-ordinator Pernille Petersen said the shelter would benefit "tremendously" from the event and thanked Liquid & Envy for their support.

"The family have taken up the cause on their daughter's behalf, and I think it's the most fantastic memorial that they could create for her."

Lauren Evans was a passenger in a car driven by Daniel Young, which spun out of control along Mersea Road on December 14, 2006.

To buy tickets, enter or donate prizes for the raffle, call the venue on 01206 762555 or visit it on the High Street.