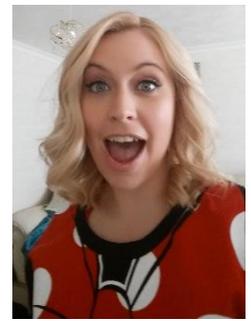


Faces of The S.A.M Fund

.....Lauren Bonthuys.....



Who are you and what do you do for the charity?

Hi I'm Lauren and my role with SAM is to be the Media Coordinator. I'm the link between the charity and the social media world! I run our fantastic Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheSamFundSmilesAndMemories) as well as helping out on the creative side of our events.

What do you do 9 – 5?

I don't really work 9-5...more like 12-9! I am very lucky that I have been able to follow my dream and set up my own businesses! I run a brilliant dance school called The Ruby Slippers Show School as well as a princess party company called Enchanted Parties. These businesses let me combine some of my favourite things: dancing, being a princess and no early mornings (I love my sleep!)

What do you do in your spare time?

Running two businesses and working with SAM doesn't really leave you a lot of spare time but when I do get a chance to relax, I love nothing more than watching a Disney film in my pyjamas!

Worst and best jobs?

The worst job has to have been working in a bar during the World Cup. It was my first time working in a bar and I was told, "If England lose, run or hide!" How to scare someone in one easy step!

The best job has to be with Enchanted Parties. I get to dress up like princesses and fairies and visit lots of birthday children and help them celebrate. The best bit has to be the immediate reaction to seeing a Princess on their doorstep!

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about learning new things. I love finding something new to challenge myself and to develop new skills! I've recently fallen in love with Ballroom and Latin dancing and have just been on a fantastic weekend learning to dance from the Strictly Professionals!

I am also passionate about my cutie of a dog, Dragon! She is completely bonkers and full of love and I just adore her so much!



Dragon!



Being a famous Princess and a Fairy



Meeting Ola Jordan from Strictly!

Interesting fact...

I used to be a Magician's Assistant! Try to imagine the world's oldest magician having his last ever show and anything that could go wrong, does go wrong and you've got my first adventure into the magical world! It was a complete disaster but I loved it!

Favourite meal...

Has to be Spaghetti Bolognese! I could eat it every single day! In fact when we went on holiday when I was little, it would be all I ate for dinner for 2 weeks straight!

Favourite drink...

Ribena! It has been my drink of choice since I was three!

Favourite music / band...

Working as a dance instructor makes it very hard to love music as you have to listen to songs over and over again choreographing and teaching that you end up hating them but I am currently loving Walk The Moon and their Shut Up and Dance song!

Where would I be if not here...

Disneyland, Disneyworld or anywhere that I can immerse myself in Disney stuff! I'm just a giant child!