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Blind entrepreneur takes on night walk for charity



A blind entrepreneur from Stoke Poges took part in a night-time fundraising walk to raise money for a pioneering sight-loss charity on Friday.

Seema Flowers, 45, is managing director of ColourNation, an independent hair salon in Oxford Circus and has the progressive degenerative genetic condition Retinitis Pigmentosa.

The mother-of-one hoped to raise 'as much as possible' for charity RP Fighting Blindness (RPFb) by taking part in the Carrot Nightwalk in London along with staff from the salon.

Her aim was to raise awareness and cash to fund research into the condition. The salon's JustGiving page has so far received £625 in donations.

"I am really, really blessed," said Seema. "I do have my bad days but I have got a very good team."

Seema balances running the business with being a mother to her five-year-old daughter, India Flower.

She was diagnosed with the condition at the age of nine, but it was in her 30s that the condition became much worse.

Now with around four per cent vision, she has a team including a driver and a personal reader to assist her.

The event, sponsored by Healthspan, is one of charity Fight for Sight's flagship events and walkers were encouraged to dress up as carrots to take part in either the six or 15 mile route.

"I like helping people and giving to others," said Seema, who took part in the six mile challenge.

"It is very easy to stay at home and get depressed and sometimes you do feel like that, but you have just got to keep going.

"To be honest with you, I don't see myself to be someone who has done extremely well, it is just normal for me!"

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