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Talent, fashion show to benefit accident victim

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A fashion and talent showcase is set to benefit paraplegic accident victim Tameisha Hill.

The purpose of the showcase is to buy Tameisha a new electronic wheelchair. The Encore Fashion/Talent event is being hosted by Dev Productions' Natasha Outerbridge and will be held at the City Hall Theatre on Sunday at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

The event will highlight the talents of 20 of Bermuda's young people from the ages of 16 to 21.

The models will be performing choreographed scenes by Ms Outerbridge, Sia Spence, Canjalae Taylor, Scandalous, Tru Shott, Prospect Twirlers and from the Sabor Dance School Youth Programme.

Ms Hill's life was changed forever by an accident a decade ago, when she was just 25 years old, which left her a paraplegic.

Since then, Ms Hill's life has been one of trying to get through and making the best of each day, Ms Outerbridge said, but Bermuda's poor record on wheelchair accessible buildings can make her efforts frustrating.

"Well, her spirit has been the same, however, life in a wheelchair has been quite interesting," Ms Outerbridge said.

"There have been times that she has been stuck in the house because Bermuda has limited wheelchair access. Most places will say that they are wheelchair-accessible, however, when she arrives, she is devastated to find out that things people take for granted, like the bathroom, are located up a few flights of stairs."

After the accident, Ms Hill went to rehab at the Lyndhurst Rehabilitation Centre in Toronto, Canada.

"Other than Canada over eight years ago, she goes to occupational therapy and physical therapy here on the Island at King Edward VII," said Ms Outerbridge.

"After months of therapy in Canada, Tameisha was able to get around with the help of a wheelchair and crutches, therefore, she was able to work at Contrology Bermuda and Dunkley's Dairy.

"Unfortunately a year ago, she woke up one day and couldn't move her legs again and

since then she has been restricted to a wheelchair and has been unable to work," said Ms Outerbridge.

When asked how much she had hoped to raise toward Ms Hill's chair, she said: "It depends on which type of chair she gets.

"There are chairs in stock that cost approximately \$3,000-plus, and then there are chairs that are custom-made, which can be approximately \$15,000-plus."

Ms Outerbridge, a former United Dance Productions teacher, said the event will also help toward the purchase of the Prospect Twirlers & Ensemble Band's new drums.

The twirlers need to buy 12 new drums which, depending on the type of drum, range in price from \$250 to \$500.

* Tickets for the show are \$30, after party \$15, show and after party \$40, Patrons \$50. They are available at the City Hall Theatre from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. daily; also from Digicel, Starr Cuts, 9.2.5 Boutique, Pulse, Choices, Compu-Cad and Silk Thai Cuisine.