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## 'A ll rallying around for cancer care'

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A Cancer charity is about to go into top gear with £8,000 thanks to the Grimsby Telegraph and three intrepid students. After reading a Telegraph article, the boss of an entertainment company donated a Mercedes M class 4x4 to three rallying students. Croatian-bound Alex Lawrence, Alan Gladding and Karl Pearman are competing with around 150 other teams in the Student Gumball Rally. DJEM Entertainment bosses read the Telegraph's article about the rally in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and When You Wish Upon A Star. Alex Lawrence said: "The firm is from down south and it was trying to do something for a cancer charity and saw it in the Telegraph and got in touch. It raises thousands for cancer every year." "We said 'thank you very much' a lot. We would have gone in the Mercedes, but we could not get the insurance." "So we sold the car and bought a Toyota Avensis. We hope to raise £8,000 and that will go to the Trust and about £500 to When You Wish Upon A Star." "The three former students of Franklin College, Grimsby, are heading from the Czech Republic to Slovenia and plan to be in Zagreb within six days. The trip from Dover, which started on Sunday, is more than 2,500 miles. Alex said: "We got a bit lost on the road to Prague." "We are taking turns to rest." Alex and Karl are students at Hull University, studying computing and chemical engineering respectively. Alan is designing computer games at Huddersfield University. Alex said the friends had been looking for a challenge in the summer holidays. The trio had originally planned to buy a car or van for £400 and put sponsor's stickers on the side.