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Leah legs it to help aid autistic

JACK INSPIRES MUM FOR RUN

WHEN Leah Dengate feels her muscles burn in the Bridge to Brisbane, her fiveyear-old son Jack will help get her across the finish line.

"My son is my motivation, he's my rock," Ms Dengate said. The pair will be part of the AEIOU Foundation's Blue Crew, raising money for children with autism in AEIOU centres across Queensland.

"I joined the crew about two years ago when Jack had first been diagnosed with autism. I was still learning about it and I thought why not enter and meet people from the centre," she said.

"Jack will be walking with me this time. It's such a great atmosphere and there will be so much for him to look at. I think I might be doing a lot of carrying but we're going to finish in the time to help other families."

Ms Dengate said she wanted to show her support for AEIOU and "give back" to the staff at the early intervention school Jack attended at Mt Gravatt.

"What they have done for my son ... they have given him a gift, he can communicate now and talk, we have had so much support and help from them and that's why I am doing the Bridge to Brisbane," she said.

Visit b2b2014.everyday hero.com/au/aeiou-blue-crew to donate.





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