

BERMONDSEY SUPERGRAN RITA, 92, ABSEILS DOWN TOWER FOR CHARITY

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Ninety-two-year-old Bermondsey nan Rita Pezzanni abseiled down Broadgate Tower for charity last week, writes *Kate Graham-Shaw*

Rita, a mother of two, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of six, abseiled down the tower on Friday to raise money for Teens Unite, a charity founded by her daughter-in-law Debbie in 2007.

Rita, who still works two days a week in the confectionery department in Harrods, started the 540ft abseil at 11am and reached the bottom of the tower in just 35 mins.

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Rita was joined in the abseil by her son Marco, and granddaughters Francesca Musk and Roxanne Lawrance, who works for the charity.



Speaking of her challenge, Rita said: "When I reached the top of the building, it suddenly seemed a long way down.

"That was the most nerve-racking part, but I just had to remind myself of the young people I was abseiling for and the difference I was making to their lives.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience and I'm so pleased I done it. For now, I will keep my feet firmly on the ground."

Teens Unite brings young people diagnosed with cancer together through workshops and activities to help them rebuild their confidence and self-esteem and learn new and life affirming skills.

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