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Big task: Matt and Sue Blackwell, Peter Bosch and Steph Canet hope the swim will be a fundraiser. Picture: John Mokrzycki

Friends splash out to help mum in need

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For 40-year-old Steph Canet, her fourth Rottnest Channel Swim will not only be a great feat but also will take her a step closer to helping a longtime friend.

Melbourne woman Erica Savy-Ward, the mother of Ms Canet's school friend Veda, contracted pneumococcal meningitis in 2010.

Her hands and lower legs had to be amputated, leaving her in hospital in rehabilitation in Adelaide and Melbourne for 504 days.



As soon as Ms Canet heard about it, she decided to help. She is calling for people to sponsor her, Peter Bosch and Sue and Matt Blackwell in the swim on February 25, to raise money for Mrs Savy-Ward to buy bionic limbs.

"I had only spoken to Veda probably a couple of months earlier when she told me about the tragedy of what had happened to her mum and what she'd been going through," Ms Canet said.

"I was floored because obviously that could happen to anyone."

Mrs Savy-Ward will need \$200,000 in total for the bionic limbs. Ms Canet says she is a realist and does not expect to raise that much money but just wants to raise as much as possible.

For more information or to make a donation send an email to steph.canet@westnet.com.au.