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## Family hit by tragedy honoured

The family of a young woman who died after suffering an epileptic seizure are in line for a national award in recognition of the fund-raising work they have carried out in her memory. Katy Doyle, 24, died in December 2008, following a fit caused by sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. The clerical officer had been diagnosed 18 months earlier, but her loved ones had not been told it could prove fatal. Since her death, her parents Ian and Helen, both 55, and brother Stewart, 29, have raised 51,000 to raise awareness of the condition. Now the family, of Chester-le-Street, have reached the final of the Outstanding Family of the Year Award 2010 after already winning the fund-raisers' category of the scheme, which is run by [Candis magazine](#). The Doyles will go up against others from across the country at the ceremony later this month, with finalists in with a chance of winning a luxury holiday. Their campaign has seen them fight for more information to be made available for people with epilepsy and their families when they are diagnosed and followed up with an essential, comprehensive care plan. Previous fund-raisers have included a team of 54 taking part in the Great North Run, with a sponsored trek along the Great Wall of China in the pipeline. The trip, which is part of a challenge being run by Epilepsy Action, will take place in October and see participants rebuild parts of the wall as a lasting tribute to Katy.

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