A REWARD is being offered for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for the disappearance of Darwin mother Carlie Sinclair more than a year ago.

"The government has approved a reward of $250,000 to help police in their search for the person or persons who may have taken the life of Carlie Sinclair," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"Around midnight on Tuesday, June 18, last year, police believe the young mum left her business address at number 209 Stuart Highway in Parap after an argument with her partner. She left behind her personal belongings, her car and her young son.

"She has not contacted her family or friends since, which relatives say is completely out of character."

Ms Sinclair’s bank accounts have not been touched since the day she was last seen and police suspect foul play.

"Despite an intensive, year-long police investigation, coupled with an extensive public information campaign, police have been unable to find her or those responsible for her disappearance," Mr Giles said.

"A dedicated team of detectives has interviewed witnesses, viewed CCTV footage, conducted aerial and ground searches of the local area and organised information stands in Parap, all to no avail."

He said it was hoped the substantial reward might provide an incentive for someone to come forward with what they knew, saw or heard.

"A single piece of information, no matter how small, may hold the key to solving this crime," he said.

"Carlie Sinclair’s family, particularly her young son, deserve answers about what happened to her and who was responsible."

Anyone with information can call 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

The offer of the reward includes a recommendation of indemnity from prosecution for any accomplice who gives information leading to a conviction, provided they did not actually commit the crime. Reward allocation is at the police commissioner’s discretion.

**Reward offered in hunt**

**Children get active for cause**

By DAMIEN McCARTNEY

A GROUP of Darwin schoolchildren has raised more than $3000 for charity by riding their bikes to school.

Students from St Paul’s Catholic Primary School in Rapid Creek met at the Jingili Water Gardens, and rode the length of Rapid Creek Rd and Casuarina Drive for Caritas Kids – a fundraiser for Catholic aid group Caritas.

Deputy Principal Alain Van Gurp said the school did a lot of fundraising for Caritas, and the bike ride had so far been the biggest event of the year.

"It’s good for the kids to feel like they’re doing a bit for the community," Mr Van Gurp said.

The students were met and joined along the ride by various members of the community, including Police Commissioner John McRoberts, who organised a police escort for the group.

Mr Van Gurp said the ride was going to become an annual event.

"When we got back to school, there were about 120 students on their bikes," he said.

The event was organised to raise awareness of conditions in developing countries. Students in developing countries. Students also took turns walking laps of the oval while carrying buckets of water.

"It was an opportunity for students to think about the millions of people across the world who every day have to travel many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market … to survive," Mr Van Gurp said.

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**Volunteer to reflect on adventures in Lebanon**

Darwin resident Talitha Francis worked in Lebanon as part of the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program, and will speak about her experiences tomorrow.

Talitha spent 13 months volunteering as a staff training and development officer for the Joint Christian Committee for Social Services. She worked with teachers, community centre directors and program assistants in ways to improve their programs.

Talitha will share stories of the successes and challenges she faced.

If you are interested in volunteering internationally, it is the perfect opportunity to hear about the range of assignments on offer.

Talitha’s talk will take place from 6.30-7.30pm, at Darwin Community Arts, Chambers Crescent Theatre, Malak Shopping Centre. RSVP at australianvolunteers.com