

## **Baby unit benefits from big birthday bash**

A generous family from Dumfries have raised an astounding amount for Ayrshire Maternity Unit's Neonatal Unit.

The Fusco family donated a whopping £13,076.54 to the unit, where baby Callie spent four and a half months after being born at just 24 weeks gestation on 1 January 2015. Callie was then transferred to Cresswell Maternity Wing at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary for one month before going home.

Callie's grandfather, Mike Fusco, turned 60 in November last year and used the opportunity of his birthday party to raise the funds. Mike, who owns Border Cars in Dumfries, said: "I wasn't bothered about getting birthday presents and instead asked my family and friends to make a donation. We also had auctions and raffles to help fundraise. I'd just like to thank everyone who donated so generously and allowed us to give something back to the Ayrshire Maternity Unit, where Callie received such great care."

Caroline Blake, Clinical Midwife Manager Neonatal Services, said: "We are blown away by the kindness and generosity of the Fusco family and everyone who helped them to raise this phenomenal donation. It was lovely to see them when they came in to the unit, we are so glad that Callie is doing well."

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**Photograph:**

20170201NNU3: (left to right) Sister Liz MacRae, Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Morag Brown, Sister Lorraine Kerr, Mike Fusco (Grandfather), Callie Fusco, Nicola Fusco (Mum), Lorna Fusco (Grandmother), Consultant Stewart Guthrie, Clinical Midwife Manager Caroline Blake.

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