Generous donation for baby unit

Ayrshire Maternity Unit’s Neonatal Unit (NNU) has received a generous donation thanks to the fundraising efforts of one of its own staff members and her family.

Ward clerk Leslie-Anne Cushnaghan, from Irvine, raised £1015 and chose to donate to the NNU in Ayrshire, as well as the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (Yorkhill) in Glasgow, as close family members have been looked after in both units.

Leslie-Anne’s daughter, Amy, was cared for in Ayrshire’s NNU after she required a crash call at birth and had fluid in her lung. Her son, Alfie, was admitted to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in September 2013 with suspected bowel problems shortly after he was born. Leslie-Anne’s sister also received life-saving care at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children 50 years ago.

Leslie-Anne raised the money by being sponsored to complete the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow last year. Her daughter Sophie also contributed by being sponsored to have 11 inches cut off her hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer.

Leslie-Anne said: “We will forever be in both unit’s debt for the care, attention, support and professionalism they have shown our family. I’d like to thank all the staff involved – and a special thanks to Dr Brogan at Ayrshire Maternity Unit for all her expertise and help before Alfie’s birth.”

Caroline Blake, Clinical Midwife Manager for the Neonatal Unit, said: “Knowing Leslie-Anne personally makes this donation every special. We’re so grateful for her fundraising and it was lovely to see her and her family looking so well when they came in to present the cheque.”
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(left to right): Neonatal Support Worker Ena McBride, Clinical Midwife Manager Caroline Blake, Sophie, Alfie, Leslie-Anne, Amy and Ron Cushnaghan, Gary Donlin from the Yorkhill Charity Fundraising Team and Nursing Assistant Janice Rankin,

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