

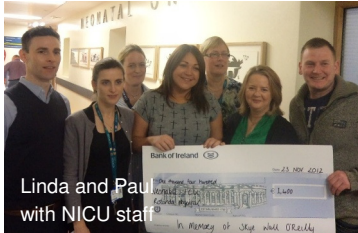
# Fundraising

## Support from the Community

**J**oanne and Philip Lyon sadly lost their twin babies, Andrew and Nathan, in August 2011 to TTTS disease. Since then, they've been actively fundraising in support of Rotunda Research in the hope that a cure can be found to help other babies with this condition. The family would like to particularly thank Professor Malone and the incredible medical team that supported them throughout and also the Bereavement Support team who helped them through their terrible loss. Last Christmas, they all took part in *the coldest swim ever!* A Charity Christmas Swim in Wexford on Christmas morning and raised €385. Joanne and her mother Jacky also completed the 2012 Flora Women's Mini Marathon and raised an additional €442.



L-R: Jacky Lyon, Andrew Lyon, Nadine Bail, Joanne Lyon, Philip Lyon



Linda and Paul with NICU staff

**Linda and Paul Wall O'Reilly** raised €1,500 for the NICU in memory of their daughter Skye. Skye and her twin India were born prematurely at 25 weeks gestation on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. Sadly Skye passed away on the 13<sup>th</sup> October despite the valiant efforts of all of the NICU staff. India is now home with her parents and doing well.



Bill and Una Kelly with Aoife, her mum Lynn and staff

**Bill and Una Kelly**, grandparents of Aoife Doyle presented the Neonatal Unit with incubator covers on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Aoife was born at 27 weeks gestation on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 and is pictured, aged 4 years old, with her mother Lynn, Orla O'Byrne, CMM3 and Ronnie O'Neill, Staff Midwife. Bill and his family expressed their gratitude to all the wonderful staff in the Neonatal Unit for their help and support in "bringing our miracle girl home."

**And more fundraising news**, concerned friends of baby Brooke Kavanagh continued their fundraising activities for the Neonatal Unit by organising a Ski Dive last December and raised €102. ♦ The Rotunda 300 Ball Lottery raised €3,540 in aid of Rotunda Research. ♦ The Young European Strings Orchestra Christmas Concert raised over €1,000 in aid of Rotunda Research. ♦ Bank of Ireland and the ACCA Ireland held a Charity CPD event last December to benefit the Rotunda's Research Fund and raised an incredible €4,750. ♦ This January, Sandra Guinness raised €515 in sponsorship for the Neonatal Unit. ♦ The collection for Rotunda Research at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, raised €600.

*Thank you to all concerned!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

♦ **19 April 2013** - The 2013 National PEP Conference Enquiries to 01 716 4562 or [gavramovic@mater.ie](mailto:gavramovic@mater.ie)

♦ **3 June 2013** - Flora Women's Mini Marathon Enter Early at [www.florawomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.florawomensminimarathon.ie) Apply now for a Rotunda Sponsorship Pack

Flora Women's Mini marathon on 2pm Monday 3rd June 2013



♦ **6 June 2013** - The Rotunda Golf Classic Milltown Gold Club, Lower Churchtown Road, D 14. Team entries to [www.for.ie](http://www.for.ie) or email [friends@rotunda.ie](mailto:friends@rotunda.ie)



## RESEARCH FUNDING

The Friends have recently awarded a research grant to Dr Fionnuala Ní Áinle for her project entitled "To investigate and characterise modulators of primary haemostasis and thrombin generation in early onset preeclampsia". Lead investigators: Dr Fionnuala Ní Áinle, Prof Mike Geary & Dr Sharon Cooley.