

World Prematurity Day

Fundraising Effort

What a great hospital team effort we had at the Rotunda on 17th November promoting World Prematurity Day. The NICU team held a coffee morning for parents and received visitors throughout the day from past families who came back to spend time with staff. A special visitor was baby Amy Mullane who was presented with her 'Beads of Courage' which told her incredible story of strength, honour and hope. The Beads of Courage Programme has now been introduced to support all NICU parents.

Sincere thanks to Yoichi and his amazing catering team for organising the Rotunda Staff Coffee Morning in the restaurant. The display of cakes was irresistible and thanks to Chef Ian Carroll and Suzanne Freeman.

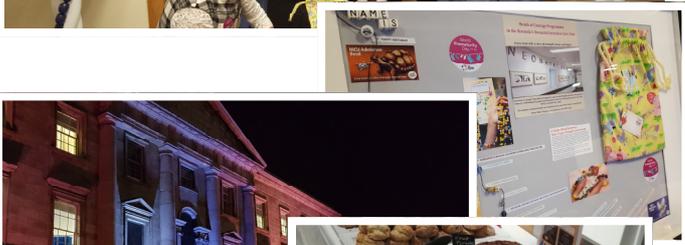
Special Acknowledgements:

- Robert Roberts our Tea /Coffee Sponsors
- Tracy Rennie for baking Cup Cakes & Plant Boxes and the delicious World Prematurity Day Parent's Cake.
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- Elizabeth Tully for organising promotional literature and products
- Martin Colford for turning the Rotunda Purple.

Thank you for generously contributing to our fundraising effort in aid of NICU. A great achievement by all!

Rotunda Staff Coffee Morning raised €443 and The Rotunda Foundation Charity Stand in main reception raised €572 -

A Grand Total of €1,015.



What is the Ceramic Hand and Footprints Initiative and How Do Your Donations Help?



"There is no foot too small, that it cannot leave an imprint in this world"

Parents, Eleanor Curran and Shane Ó Foghlú's two sons Aidan and Donnacha were born alive at 23 weeks in Autumn 2015. They looked so perfect but came into this world too early. To remember their sons and to help other parents in a similar situation, they decided to help the Rotunda to fund the *Ceramic Hand and Foot Prints Initiative*.

So far, Eleanor and Shane have raised over €32,000 in support of this initiative which will enable the Rotunda Hospital to present every bereaved parent with a ceramic framed print of their baby's hand and foot prints. This precious gift will not only help with their immediate pain and suffering but will also comfort them for a lifetime and greatly influence their grieving process.

If you would like to contribute to the Ceramic Hand and Foot Prints Initiative, please make your donation to The Rotunda Foundation or click onto www.for.ie



2016 Community Support Programme



Our gratitude to the Staff at Aldi Rathmines for selecting The Rotunda Foundation Charity to receive a donation as part of its 2016 Community Support Programme. Aldi provided each

store with a €500 grant to be distributed to a charity/not-for-profit organisation within the stores' local communities. The allocation of the grant has been decided upon by each stores' employees.