

Press Call

Friday, 26th. June. 2009 - 1.30 pm in the University of Coventry and Warwickshire's Maternity Hospital. (ask at reception)

Grateful Coventry Mum Rebecca McGrattan responds to Dame Judi Dench plea for local maternity support.

When Rebecca McGrattan and her husband Neil celebrated with family and friends at the christening of her son Amos, they decided that instead of receiving gifts, donations could be made to Baby Lifeline's equipment appeal. So grateful was she for the birth of her second healthy child, she wanted to thank the maternity unit that cared for them.

The donations given have now provided, through Baby Lifeline's appeal, a 22" flat screen LCD television and DVD unit for the parents room in Coventry's special care baby unit. This will be the first equipment provided for Coventry since the appeal started. Other equipment has been requested and supported is needed to raise more funds.

Dame Judi Dench – long standing Vice President to Baby Lifeline, the Coventry based national mother and baby charity, has launched, and is leading, a national maternity equipment appeal.

Maternity and special care baby units nationwide have requested various amounts of equipment to help care for pregnant women and their unborn and newborn babies, totalling circa £1.6 million. So far over £50K has been raised and equipment provided for maternity units in other parts of the UK.

Baby Lifeline's Founder Judy Ledger said 'It is always so fantastic to be supported by generous people like Rebecca and Neil, who appreciate the work carried out in the maternity sector. I am delighted that they have supported this important appeal, and in particular Coventry's maternity unit. Their donation will help to make a difference for many of our local parents and families, when staying with their babies needing special care. As a mother of three, and having founded Baby Lifeline after the loss of three babies who were all born prematurely and died shortly after birth, I cannot express enough how dedicated maternity health professionals are, and how much donations like this will help their work to care for our families.'

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