



Welcome to the second edition of the RWT Charity newsletter.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity provides additional resources to patients and their families to help make their visit as comfortable as possible.

We would not be able to achieve the things we do without our tireless supporters – here are some heart-warming stories from around the Trust.

Local company nominates the Cardiac Trust Fund as their Charity of the Year!

We love it when local businesses select us as their chosen charity and Iron Mountain, a local data management company, nominated the RWT Charity in aid of Cardiac.

To raise money they have been running a tuck shop and holding dress down days. They are also holding a raffle and bingo nights to raise money for us.

The Heart and Lung Centre is very much a cause close to their hearts.

The husband of a member of staff was in a coma for two weeks after suffering multiple cardiac arrests.

Anne-Marie Pearce of Iron Mountain said: “If it had not been for the team at the Heart and Lung centre my husband would not be here today.

“He is a walking miracle according to doctors as we were told on numerous occasions that he would not make it.

“We wanted to support a local charity close to our hearts and RWT Charity fits the bill.”

(Photo: Iron Mountain team of supporters.)



Bonding Hearts made for parents with babies in neo-natal unit

A former Trust employee has launched an initiative for parents and babies on the neo-natal unit to help parents bond with their child whilst they grow strong enough to go home and become a family.

Fabric hearts are handmade by Taryna Peers and her volunteers and allow parents to bond with their child through their scent, when a baby is born premature and has to stay in hospital.

The hearts are worn by baby and parents and swapped when they are apart.

The small hand-sewn fabric heart will have picked up the scent from each which helps with the bonding process while the baby is too small to be cuddled.

(Photo – Dawn Homer, Ward manager and Bonding Hearts creator Taryna Peers with new parents Philip and Leigh Till with baby Oliver.)

Book of Celebration launched to thank our supporters

The RWT Charity Book of Celebration has been officially launched.

The Book of Celebration is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our supporters and publically thank them for helping us to make such a difference to the lives of our patients, their families and the staff that care for them.

The book remembers each supporter individually on our public website.

You can read the Book of Celebration by clicking this link –

<http://www.royalwolverhamptonhospital.nhs.uk/BookOfCelebration/>

If you are a past or current supporter and would like details of your donation or fundraising to be included within the book, please contact the Fundraising Coordinator on (01902) 694473 or email rwh-tr.charity@nhs.net



Cuddle cots donated to New Cross Hospital will help bereaved parents cope with the loss of a child

Two bereaved families have fund-raised to buy a cuddle cot to help other families cope with the loss of a child.

Cuddle Cots use a high-tech cooling system to enable parents to take home their baby before saying goodbye for the last time.

This can make a huge difference to give time and space to those dealing with the grief of losing a child.

Jenny Smith lost her son Brody at just 42 minutes old on May 20 last year and the Fellows family lost their son 30-year-old Lee Fellows on July 5 last year.

Jenny, mother of Brody, said: "Myself and my husband would like to thank everyone who donated towards the cuddle cot appeal.



“We hope it brings some comfort to families who find themselves in the same situation we were in last May.

“Brody may not have been with us very long, but he sure has left a legacy behind.”

Angela Fellows, mother of Lee, said: “When Lee passed away we wanted to bring him home to say goodbye, however it was not possible.

“It gives us comfort to know we have been able to help other families in the same situation with the cuddle cot.”

If you would like to make a small donation to RWT Charity, text [RWTC01](text:RWTC01) £3 to 70070. Your generous donations are much appreciated and make a huge difference to the lives of patients and their families around the Trust.

