



Simpsons Special Care Babies Newsletter July 2014

"We will translate this new knowledge and inspiration to work with the rest of the neonatal team to ensure better baby health and optimise parents' experience in the Simpson."

Julie-Clare Becher following VON 2013 (see below)

News

Vermont Oxford Network

Thanks to you, SSCB sponsored 4 members of NNU staff to attend the 2013 Vermont Oxford Network meeting. VON is an annual quality improvement congress each year in Chicago where staff can see the latest research in neonatal quality improvement and the outcomes that have resulted, and implement this research back at the Neonatal Unit.

On return, the "Neonatal Care Collaborative" had been formulated including a parent & SSCB representative. Julie-Clare Becher said at VON there were "...back-to-back lectures from 8 in the morning till 6 at night, followed by hours of networking and brainstorming...".

SSCB continues to commit to support to the Unit and is sponsoring staff to attend the 2014 VON meeting.

Neonatal transport incubator: The individual pieces of equipment were ordered in April 2014, whilst the important frame was built in June/July especially for the incubator and all the intensive care support systems. SSCB is very thankful for the wonderful public support through 2 years of endeavour and saving to get the incubator from its initial request from the Transport Team, to **READY** for presentation, and we are almost there. All this support will be represented by the SSCB logo on the Transport incubator frame. Stay tuned for more updates!

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative:

YPI started in Canada as "as an innovative way to financially support local, grassroots charities while engaging young people in a hands-on active citizenship experience" Now in its 7th year in Scotland, we are very proud to celebrate the fantastic young people who take on the YPI challenge. Annually between years S2 and S6, groups from Scottish High Schools choose a small charity to investigate and present firstly to their class group and then if successful, at **their school final** where winning means £3,000 for their charity. SSCB has been invited by a number of YPI groups to be part of this innovative programme.

At the Final, their well-honed presentation is given to an invited audience **including a member of YPI Scotland**. The panel assess the calibre of the presentation, each member's part and the work of the team together. Always the young people have been interested, keen and committed to understanding and then presenting SSCB. In 2013 Currie High School **WON**, then in early 2014 Ross High School, Tranent **WON!** We are indebted and proud of: Leigh, Rachel, Kirsten, Shannon, Yasmin, Mara and Louise (Currie HS) Kirsten, Caitlyn, Chloe and Kirstin (Ross HS).

Our Fantastic Fundraisers

Rockin' For Tots

We were delighted to accept a cheque from Rockin' For Tots this year for £5000! This was generated from their signed guitar and merchandise auctions, and gigs that they have tirelessly organised. There's more coming up, so check them out of Facebook – just search for **Rockin' For Tots!**



Gill and Brenna present Gill Mitchell, Secretary with a cheque



John Reid ran the 5k in under 30 mins at Challenge Scotland 2014



Our fundraisers so far – thank you to...

- * Laura Falls * Alisdair Millan * Avril Adams*
- Samantha Kane * Drummond Fyall * Louise Evans *
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- Lauren Till * John Reid * Dionne Gander * Lindsay Slater *
- Samantha Wallace * Sarah Pryde * Gregor Munro * Andy Hay * Ruth Maull *
- Colin Campbell * Debbie Burns *



Simpsons Special Care graduates Gemma Wallace and Alesha Dickson with their medals at Challenge Scotland 2014

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