

Press Release

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Running for the Women's

More than 100 people have signed up to run Birmingham's half marathon in aid of Birmingham Women's Hospital's Tiny Babies Big Appeal.

Fundraising staff are delighted with the number of runners and hope even more will join up to make the tiny Babies Big Appeal team the largest in the race.

Runners have come from local businesses including Smooth Radio, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Kalamazoo, Weightmans as well as Birmingham Women's staff and staff from the military unit at Selly Oak Hospital.

Mankit Yau, head of fundraising said: "We have had a fantastic response and with more than 100 people wearing our appeal t-shirts during the race we will ensure everyone watching the half marathon knows about our appeal.

The Tiny Babies Big Appeal was launched in June and aims to raise £2million to help build a new neonatal unit at Birmingham Women's Hospital. The unit will have the capacity for 50 neonatal cots including 32 intensive care cots for the smallest and sickest babies from across the West Midlands.

If you would like to join the Tiny Babies Big Appeal Team in this year's half marathon please contact the fundraising office on 0121 623 6874 or e-mail Eileen.rock@bwhct.nhs.uk

Ends

Note to Editors

A photo opportunity of runners in training can be arranged if required.

For further information please contact Maria Mcleod on 07870 587759