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Swimming for Tiny Babies

Staff from Birmingham Women's Hospital donned their swimming caps, costumes and trunks for a 12 hour swimathon in aid of the 'Tiny Babies Big Appeal'.

Hospital staff tackled their own personal challenges over a 12 hour period on 15th April, with all funds raised for the hospital's brand new £7million Neonatal Unit, opening in September 2010.

Neonatal Nurse and organiser of the event, Charlotte King commented, *"We had a great response to the swimathon with 29 staff and their families taking part in the event, with some swimming up to 100 lengths. We are really looking forward to moving into our new unit in September. It will be a great place to work and will be fantastic for the parents and babies. We hoped to raise £1000 towards the appeal, so raising over £2000 has been a real bonus."*

The Hospital would like to thank the Morris Centre Club at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for allowing us to use the pool for the day.

The Tiny Babies Big Appeal was launched in June 2009 and aims to raise £2million towards the new unit. The appeal has received great support so far with £650,000 raised, if you would like to get involved with the appeal. Please visit the appeal website www.tinybabiesbigappeal.nhs.uk or contact the fundraising office on 0121 623 6874

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