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## A celebration of miracles

Staff at Liverpool Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will get together for Miracle Babies Foundation's Thank U NICU Day on Tuesday, 8 November.

Staff will be treated to a special morning tea at 11am to acknowledge their hard work throughout the year.

Liverpool Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Director Dr Jacqueline Stack said many of the babies who are admitted to NICU require respiratory support and while most of these babies are born prematurely, Liverpool NICU also cares for babies born at full term with complex medical needs.

"We work to improve a baby's health and to restore the intimate relationship between the mother and baby while allowing the fragile infants to develop," Dr Stack said.

"The NICU is equipped with advanced support systems, including intravenous nutrition and breathing assistance however it is the ongoing dedication and care of our staff that make a difference to our patients and their families," Dr Stack said.

Miracle Babies Foundation CEO Melinda Cruz said the day aims to provide staff working in Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Special Care Nurseries with the recognition they deserve for the families they help create.

"Thank U NICU Day is a wonderful celebration for what we like to call miracle families. Having a baby born too early or critically ill is devastating, but the medical team show incredible support for our babies and parents in their time of need," Ms Cruz said.

"Thank U NICU Day is a great way to show our appreciation to all the staff who help support and nurture thousands of families each year," she said.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**WHAT:** Miracle Babies Foundation's Thank U NICU Day at Liverpool Hospital.

**WHEN:** 11am, Tuesday, 8 November at Liverpool Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.