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Mia's Wish cheque presentation

By Erini Rodis

The cheque presentation from the East Finchley Slimming World club in the Methodist Church struck a strong emotional chord on Wednesday 29 June.

The club did a sponsored walk around Hampstead Heath to raise money for Mia's Wish; a charity which works in conjunction with the Whittington Hospital Maternity Unit in Archway to raise funds for specific neo-natal equipment.

The money raised was a phenomenal £750 - not an easy feat, as leader Jacqueline O'Shea reminded them they'd had to "starve themselves walking straight past the cafes of Hampstead" in order to complete the task!

New grandmother to baby Freddy and charity founder Joan Law accepted the giant cheque on behalf of Mia's Wish, and told how back then her daughter Katerina "...had enjoyed a fantastic, healthy pregnancy, going to 42 weeks. Tragically baby Mia was stillborn. To this day they don't know why".

By setting up Mia's Wish it meant that other parents in a similar situation could be offered a private space to grieve, or use of a digital camera so they could at least have a memento. The charity's continuing aim is to contribute towards specific items and thus encourage something positive out what could only be imagined as intense personal pain.

Joan added, "this money will enable Mia's Wish to purchase a blood pressure monitor for the Maternity Day Unit. This just goes to show you can lose pounds in weight and gain pounds for a good cause! The Law family, on behalf of the charity, thanks everyone who took part."

If you'd like to donate to Mia's Wish, please call Joan on 07843 869 180.

East Finchley Slimming World Club present their cheque to Mia's Wish. Photo by Erini Rodis.

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