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Dear Bim and Pardeep

I am writing to say a huge and most sincere thank you for your donation of £2,000, which will pay for three new Care of Next Infant (CONI) SISS Babycontrol breathing monitors and sensors. As a direct result of your generosity, the Lullaby Trust will be able to make a transformational difference to lives of bereaved parents with vulnerable babies living in the UK. In its lifetime, each breathing monitor will help an average of six families.

The CONI Programme supports families who have lost a baby suddenly and unexpectedly, through subsequent pregnancies and babies. This is often a very frightening and anxious time for parents, as distressing memories and fears resurface. Raising a new baby in these circumstances can place immense strain on the entire family. Since it was started in 1988, CONI has made a valuable contribution towards addressing health inequalities by supporting over 20,000 babies, many which are born to the most vulnerable and socio-economically deprived parents in the UK.

Bereaved sibling, Ellie Buchdahl explains the difference that the CONI programme made to her life: *"When I asked my mum how she felt 'caring for the next infant' she said that having a monitor and knowing that she was in control meant everything. Once, she said, when I was two months old, my monitor suddenly went off; she had the terrifying sense of panic that it was all happening again. But at the same time, that monitor had alerted her. After the panic came relief, and with it the knowledge that she had been in control. That, she said, made all the difference. Caring for the next infant isn't about forgetting the child who died; it's about remembering them, loving that memory and celebrating it with the next baby – at the same time as you celebrate the joy of having a baby again."*

Thank you once again. Your support is greatly valued.

With best wishes,

Francine Bates
Chief Executive

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