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Golden Jubilee receives generous donation

The Cardiac Surgery Unit at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital has benefited from a very generous donation in memory of a former patient.

Mrs Mamie Ireland from Dalmellington in Ayrshire asked friends and family to donate money to the unit instead of buying presents for her 80th birthday in October in memory of her daughter, Linda Frew, who died in the unit almost two years ago.

In the last few months, Mrs Ireland has also sold over 100 jars of homemade bramble jam to friends and neighbours, raising a substantial £850 in total.

No stranger to fundraising, Mrs Ireland regularly makes and sells tablet and clottie dumplings to help raise money for good causes such as breast cancer research and lupus awareness. She has also taken part in a sponsored scuba dive and raft racing events and has run a church charity shop for 18 months.

On presenting the cheque to Mr Geoff Berg, Cardiac Consultant at the Golden Jubilee, Mrs Ireland, said: "It was important for me to mark my birthday in a way that made Linda part of it. The staff here have been very supportive and I want to thank all of those who were involved in Linda's care for being so open and keeping us well informed."

Mr Berg thanked Mrs Ireland on behalf of the hospital: "This is an extremely generous donation and we are very grateful for the dedicated fundraising involved. The funds will be placed in the cardiac surgery research fund and will be used towards advanced education for staff who treat patients with heart disease in the Golden Jubilee Hospital."

Mrs Ireland is pictured with her daughter, Elizabeth Shannon, presenting the bumper £850 cheque to Mr Berg.

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Notes to editors:

- The Golden Jubilee National Hospital (part of the NHS National Waiting Times Centre) is one of the largest providers of interventional cardiology and the only provider of cardiothoracic surgery for the West of Scotland, covering a population of 2.5m. The centre is also home to three of the national services; the Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit (SPVU), Scottish Adult Congenital Cardiac Service (SACCS) and the Scottish National Advanced Heart Failure Service (SNAHFS).
- A photograph of Linda Frew can be provided on request.

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