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COMMUNITY RALLIES TO RAISE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS FOR SICK KIDS AT WESTMEAD

Staff and patients at The Children's Hospital at Westmead are still buzzing after the Hospital's biggest fundraising event – *Radiothon 'On Air with 2UE For Sick Kids.'*

The excitement follows today's announcement of the final amount raised as a result of the radio broadcast and Hospital event held at Westmead last Friday, 4 November.

"More than \$1.2 million was donated to the appeal. We are extremely happy and can't thank the community enough for their enormous support," said Mark Stewart, Head of Fundraising at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The '*2UE Talking Lifestyle*' broadcast from 5am to 6pm was supported by 7News, Sunrise, The Morning Show and The Daily Edition, featuring exciting *Radiothon Day* entertainment at the Hospital, and incredible stories from patients, staff and volunteers.

The money raised will fund lifesaving equipment, research into cures for debilitating childhood disease, and delivers vital services to patients and families.

"With this kind of result we are able to give more support to departments who need it most," Mr Stewart said.

"It enables staff to perform state of the art procedures by giving them access to improved technology, and provides patients and families a level of support they wouldn't otherwise receive."

Representatives from more than 20 companies, businesses, community groups and charities attended the event on Friday, taking part in on-stage cheque presentations, 2UE radio interviews, and Sunrise Weather segments broadcast on Channel 7.

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More than 120 people from these organisations also volunteered their time on the day answering phones in the *Radiothon* call centre, selling ice creams, and cooking the barbeque.

Entertainers and performers, from as far as the Central Coast, also donated their time and resources on the day, to make the event for patients one to remember.

“The commitment and unwavering support pledged on the day by our community, and corporate donors, was truly inspiring. It enables us to keep providing the very best care possible to some of the sickest kids in Australia and support their families when they need it most,” Mr Stewart said.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead is the largest paediatric centre in New South Wales, specialising in treating seriously ill children from Australia and the Pacific Rim.

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