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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Wonderland raises money for Neonatal Unit

TWO sister's in law have put on their debut event in aid of Blackpool Hospitals' Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, as part of their new events company.

Rebecca Jayne Johnson and Clare Harvey raised more than £300 for the Neonatal Unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital through a Winter Wonderland evening, the first event of their company 2Elegant.

Clare, who is 26 and lives in Bispham, said: "The event was very successful, it was a great night and we both thoroughly enjoyed the evening. A big thank you goes to all the acts involved: Ged Mills, family, friends and the public for supporting the event.

"When we were thinking about doing something originally we didn't know what charity to pick but I was born prematurely and was on the Unit so it's something which is close to my heart.

"We wanted to do something a bit different so came up with a Winter Wonderland theme."

Rebecca, 20 who lives in Thornton, said: "We set up as 2Elegant this year because we really wanted to do events together. We know lots of people who have used the Neonatal Unit so we wanted to raise money for it.

"We definitely want to do more events together and are thinking of doing something around Valentine's Day."

The event was a fun filled family variety show compered by Radio Wave's Ged Mills and with special guest Tony Adkins, who was Simon Cowell's bodyguard. The pair raised more than £300 which will be donated to Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, the charity of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and will be used directly on the Unit.

Fundraising Manager, Kathy Ansell said: "We are really pleased that the event went so well. Thank you to Rebecca Jayne and Clare for organising it and in particular thank you to all those members of the public who supported it. We are so grateful and the money will be well used to enhance care for babies on the Neonatal Unit."



PIC: Rebecca Jayne and Clare on the night.



PICS: L-R Rebecca Jayne Johnson and Clare Harvey.

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