RPA donor in NSW Woman of the Year Awards

A mother who has raised more than $50,000 for Royal Prince Alfred Hospital’s neonatal unit has been honoured in the 2013 NSW Woman of the Year Awards, announced today by the NSW Premier, Barry O’Farrell.

Rebecca Morgan, of Leichhardt, was a finalist for the People’s Choice award in the Community Hero category at a ceremony at Parliament House.

The mother of two premature sons born at RPA, Ms Morgan founded the group Little Wonder to support families who have experienced a premature or ill newborn baby, and to increase awareness of the work carried out at RPA Newborn Care each day.

Juggling work, family and volunteering, Ms Morgan helped Little Wonder members raise more than $50,000 to buy vital life-saving equipment for premature babies by holding countless charity nights, fundraisers, stalls and raffles.

She also recruited hundreds of supporters to RPA Newborn Care, found donors to provide gifts for babies in the hospital and was instrumental in establishing the Little Wonder Playpals, a support group and playgroup for parents of premature babies after discharge from hospital.

Last year, Ms Morgan also organised the renovation and fit-out of a room in RPA Newborn Care dedicated to mothers of premature babies needing to express breast milk. The room has been named The Little Wonder Expressing Room in honour of her hard work and generosity.

RPA’s general manager, Deborah Willcox, said she was thrilled to see Ms Morgan honoured at such a level for her endless hard work and generosity.

“Rebecca Morgan is nothing short of an inspiration, and I can’t thank her enough for her dedication and support of the work carried out in RPA Newborn Care.

“Without people like Rebecca, our staff could not perform the miracles they do so it is a privilege and an honour to see one of our unsung heroes recognised in such a way,” Ms Willcox said.