

15 January [REDACTED]

Dear Mr and Mrs Wiseman,

I am enclosing a cheque for £300 from my parents for research into Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

My sons, Richard and Myles were diagnosed with TTTS by Myles Taylor in October 2000. I attended scans with Myles usually twice a week, and underwent three interventions, which forced the TTTS to loosen its grip.

My waters broke at 26 weeks - almost certainly not because of twin-to-twin - and the babies were born shortly afterwards. They spent just over five months in hospital and came home on oxygen in May last year.

They celebrated their first birthday a month ago (off oxygen) and are crawling, babbling, busy with toys and practising standing up. They bring us great joy and we will always be grateful to Myles and the CFC team and the Neonatal Unit Teams, who with the help of sophisticated research and equipment provided by the Trust, were able to save our babies. My parents' donation is given in appreciation of this fact, and in the hope that other babies affected with TTTS may be helped.

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I am so very sorry that your sons, Richard and Jack, did not live and can only thank you from the bottom of my heart for the money you have raised to help other twin-to-twin babies cope with their condition.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine,