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### **ASK ANY NEW MUM OR DAD ...**

Ask any new mum or dad - the birth of their child is the happiest day of their life.

Yet for a few whose newborn suffer a congenital anomaly, it is also the start of a heart wrenching journey of major surgery, trauma, hope and recovery.

Today, Amway donated \$10,000 to the highly acclaimed Grace Centre for Newborn Care at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Infants who have undergone major surgery for congenital anomaly in the first few weeks of life are at increased risk of developmental delay. This funding will support follow-up for these infants to identify any problems early and allow for early intervention.

"My heart goes out to any parent whose child has to have major surgery. As a dad, I know I would want the very best medical care for my child – both while at Hospital and in follow up support and assistance," Michial Coldwell, General Manager of Amway Australia, said today.

"It was a rare honour to meet some of the brilliant staff at the Grace Centre today. They are highly skilled professionals dedicated to helping babies and their families. I am sure our funding will help in a small way."

"This generous donation from Amway will help expand our developmental follow-up clinic to provide specialised multidisciplinary follow-up to all infants who have undergone major surgery," said Professor Nadia Badawi, Department Head of the Grace Centre.

"Ensuring that children from all walks of life can benefit from the clinic is something we can never place a monetary value on and we will forever be thankful to Amway for this donation."

To donate or for more information about the Grace Centre please visit [chw.edu.au](http://chw.edu.au)

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