

# Single Biggest Donation to Date

**In a fabulous gesture, The Soroptimist International of Rugby Charitable Trust donates £100,000 to WNAA**



Trust members with WNAA crew



Trust members with WNAA's Jo Payne, Fundraising Manager (left) and Chief Executive Andy Williamson (second right)

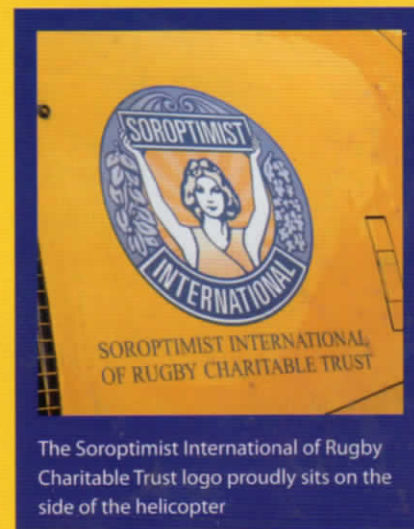
**The Soroptimist International of Rugby Charitable Trust (SIRCT) presented their cheque to WNAA's Chief Executive Andy Williamson and Jo Payne, Fundraising Manager, at the Coventry Airport base. They were both lost for words as this represents the largest single donation since the inception of the charity and will go towards the annual running costs of the service.**

SIRCT was formed in 2007 and endowed with funds later that year. The first round of grants took place in September 2008 and among the first recipients the Trustees were delighted to be able to support was WNAA. The trustees felt that the grant would have a global effect in Warwickshire and Northamptonshire and that the cause was a worthy one. A spokesperson said, "Keeping the helicopter flying is crucial and highly dependent upon voluntary funding. WNAA needs every donation, be it small or large, to continue its vital service to the community".

As a way of saying thank you to the Trust several members were invited to visit the base to see the helicopter and meet the crew. Jo

Payne has also been able to arrange for the Trust's logo to be displayed on the aircraft and this was unveiled during their visit, giving the ladies a very pleasant surprise. Jo comments: "There are branding opportunities for companies and organisations when significant donations are made and as we have such a high media profile it will be seen across the counties".

WNAA are extremely grateful for this incredible support.



The Soroptimist International of Rugby Charitable Trust logo proudly sits on the side of the helicopter