

I am delighted to announce that I shall be running the 2013 Virgin London Marathon to raise funds for Bliss. As you can see I am fundraising for Bliss. Bliss have indicated that they are going to use all the funds raised by the Marathon runners to further fund the Bliss Nurse Programme; good for all of us!

As you may well know my son, Marc, who is now 8 years old was born at 24 weeks gestation; yes I was only 6 months pregnant. His twin brother sadly did not survive. Marc was born weighing 1lb 6oz, and had a tough start to his life. He has spent quite some time in hospital for issues relating to his breathing. In 2011 he underwent major reconstructive throat surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London. We are delighted that the procedure was successful and now Marc leads a near normal health life.

I am committed to raising £24,000 which equates to £1,000 for every week of my pregnancy. So far I have had some very generous pledges from business contacts, and some lovely donations from friends and family.

I am thrilled to say that Bliss have asked me to be their 'Face of the Marathon', and I have agreed to keep a video diary of my training and an insight into my life, along with a monthly written Blog.

You can directly view the video and Blog by clicking on the links below:

Video Blog- www.youtube.com/user/julieebrey

Written Blog- www.julieebrey.blogspot.co.uk.

Having had a premature baby has made me passionate about these babies and all those that tirelessly care for them.

I want to show my support to Bliss by investing my time in training for a marathon, running it in a decent time, coupled with raising money and awareness for such special people.

I am writing to you to ask if you could consider how and if you would be able to assist me in reaching my target.

Virgin Giving Page - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JulieEbrey>

Asking for money is hard, especially in these hard financial times, but in order for me to achieve my goal I need to call on all the generous people I know.

I am currently in training now and am having to run 30+ miles a week. The training programme increases up to 40+ miles a week. I have been running for a year now and trust that I have a good platform. Marathon training is a huge time commitment, as well as the fund raising that comes with it. Furthermore I am still working full time. So there is lots for me to do – but I am totally committed to what lies ahead.

If you have any crazy or wacky idea on how you can help me further; I am open to every suggestion!

Please click [HERE](#) to read 'My Story' in full and thank you in advance for any support you can give me.

Warm regards

Julie Ebrey