

# YOUR SUPPORT HELPS BABIES

Each year, 1 in 10 babies is born prematurely in the United States. In fact, premature birth is the #1 killer of babies. That's why, for more than 75 years, the March of Dimes has fought for little ones who can't fight for themselves. With your gifts, we can fight the causes of prematurity together through research, education, treatments and more. Did you know that 76 cents of every dollar is spent on improving the health of babies?

## HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU'RE HELPING BABIES:

### BRAIN

We're fighting premature birth — baby's brain needs at least 39 weeks to develop in the womb.

### LUNGS

Surfactant and nitric oxide therapies save the lives of many premature babies.

### HEART

New treatments mean better survival rates for the tiniest heart patients.

### HEEL

Newborn screening — a drop of blood from baby's heel could save her life.

### EYES

We're developing treatments to cure vision defects.

### SMILE

We've identified a gene responsible for oral cleft and are working on preventions.

### SPINE

Folic acid education means fewer babies are born with neural tube defects.

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