WHY SUPPORT MARCH OF DIMES?

When you support the March of Dimes, you're joining a movement to improve health outcomes for moms and babies because our country is facing a maternal and infant health crisis.

The U.S. remains among the most dangerous developed nations for childbirth, especially for women and babies of color, with South Carolina having some of the worst outcomes in the nation.

In the United States, one woman dies every 12 hours from pregnancy and childbirth complications, two babies die every hour, and 1 in 10 babies is born too soon.

In South Carolina, the situation is dire. 1 in 9 babies is born too soon, and 415 babies will die before their first birthday. Our maternal mortality rate is higher than the US average, with approximately 33 women out of every 100,000 dying each year. In addition, 17.2% of women in South Carolina do not have access to the appropriate healthcare, leading many to have to travel up to 2 hours to receive basic care. These rates are significantly higher for families of color.

This is a crisis, but the March of Dimes is working hard to improve outcomes for families.

Some of our incredible work in 2025 is:

- Our Low Dose, Big Benefits low-dose aspirin campaign
- Research on recurrent pregnancy loss and prevention
- Development of a biomarker to predict prematurity early
- Continuing our community engagement with caring on our NICU families in many ways
- Our NICU Family Support Program at FIVE SC hospitals, including Spartanburg Regional

Join us in honoring the powerful journeys of these local Spartanburg families.

Join us and help us to honor families like Aspen's. Aspen was born at 25 weeks and not breathing. Resuscitation attempts were made for twenty-two minutes before her heart started to beat. After a complex and challenging medical journey, she defied expectations and left the hospital after 98 days. Aspen's future is bright thanks to the support of the Spartanburg community, an incredible healthcare team, and March of Dimes.

SCAN TO WATCH ASPEN'S STORY

About March of Dimes

March of Dimes fights for the health of all moms and babies. Through funding lifesaving research, providing education, advocacy, and community support, the March of Dimes continues to make an impact. We strive for a future in which to prevent maternal health risks and deaths, preterm birth and infant death, and the health equity gap no longer exist, and where all moms and babies have the healthy starts they deserve!

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We'll support every family with health education and resources.

We're committed to providing resources to improve the health of moms and babies both virtually and in our community. From mobile health centers providing access to quality healthcare across the country, to finding comfort and support in our online communities, our innovative programs like NICU Family Support®, Becoming a Mom®, Supportive Pregnancy Care® are put into action so families can get the best possible start. Families and healthcare professionals rely on March of Dimes for high-quality, award-winning, evidence-based education.

For more than 88 years, March of Dimes has led the charge in maternal and infant health research and innovation to make lasting changes for families. We continue this work to end preventable maternal and infant death, understand the causes of preterm birth and achieve birth equity for all moms, through strategic areas of inquiry.

March of Dimes advocates for the health of moms and babies by supporting the #BlanketChange agenda. We call on individuals, corporations, policymakers, and community leaders to demand #BlanketChange and improve the health of all moms, babies, and families.

When you partner with March of Dimes, you are giving hope to families like these and those that have experienced prematurity or maternal or infant loss. You are making a local impact and helping to spread awareness about our vital mission.

We work with partners to help make the NICU experience easier for babies and their families. Through blanket or book drives and with fundraising, the community brings comfort to families facing their darkest moments. We step up with the community and show families that they are not alone.

WATCH BRAYDEN'S STORY HERE

WATCH BEASLEY'S STORY HERE

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