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Michigan Southfield, Mich. Premature birth rate 11.9%	North Dakota Fargo, N.D. Premature birth rate 11.3%	West Virginia Charleston, W.Va. Premature birth rate 13.4%
Minnesota Edina, Minn. Premature birth rate 9.8%	Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Premature birth rate 12.2%	Wisconsin West Allis, Wis. Premature birth rate 10.9%
Mississippi Jackson, Miss. Premature birth rate 17.2%	Oklahoma Oklahoma City, Okla. Premature birth rate 12.6%	Wyoming Casper, Wyo. Premature birth rate 11.7%
Greater Kansas Kansas City, Mo. Premature birth rate (Kansas) 10.9% Premature birth rate (Missouri) 13.0%	Greater Oregon Portland, Ore. Premature birth rate 9.7%	National 2002 Premature Birth Rate — 12.1% of live births
Greater Missouri Brentwood, Mo. Premature birth rate 13.0%	Pennsylvania King of Prussia, Pa. Premature birth rate 11.4%	March of Dimes and Healthy People 2010 Objective — 7.6% of live births
Montana Billings, Mont. Premature birth rate 11.3%	Puerto Rico Hato Ray, Puerto Rico Premature birth rate 18.4%	Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2002 final natality data
Nebraska Omaha, Neb. Premature birth rate 11.8%	Rhode Island Providence, R.I. Premature birth rate 11.3%	Prepared by the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, 2004
	South Carolina Columbia, S.C. Premature birth rate 14.2%	
	South Dakota Sioux Falls, S.D. Premature birth rate 11.3%	

* Rate is for entire state

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How to make a bequest

Planned Giving is an investment in future generations. In addition to being an important source of funds for the March of Dimes, planned giving helps donors achieve their personal philanthropic, financial, and tax-forgiveness estate planning goals.

Contributors have many giving choices. Making a bequest is the most frequently used method of perpetuating the work of the March of Dimes. There are three types of bequests: a specific bequest, a percentage bequest and a residual bequest.

For a specific or a percentage bequest, the following language can be used:

"I give to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation the sum of \$ ____ (dollars) or ____ % (percent) of my estate."

The residual bequest is made after all family and other bequests are complete and the following language can be used:

"All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequest to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation."

Before deciding on a planned gift, potential contributors should consult an attorney or financial planner. March of Dimes representatives are also available to provide reliable information about wills and other options, such as charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and gifts of insurance and retirement plans. They will, of course, hold all discussions in the strictest confidence. An inquiry does not obligate a prospective donor in any way. For more information, contact your local March of Dimes office, or call 1-800-315-3698.

About endowments

A gift to our endowment is a gift that goes on forever, allowing a donor to leave a permanent legacy to the community. The principal of such gifts is invested in perpetuity, with income expendable consistent with purposes that may be specified by the donor. The donor enjoys the assurance that the gift will always be well managed and well used, even as needs change over the years. Endowed funds strengthen the March of Dimes ability to keep pace even during uncertain economic times.

NAVY ANDERSON:



Navy Anderson, 14 days old



7-year-old Navy



Navy with Mom & Dad

The Twin Who Survived

Life, death or disability — no one can predict how a premature birth can turn out — or even why it happens at all. Despite getting prenatal care and doing everything right, Jamie Anderson went into preterm labor. Her twins Navy and Jackson were born 17 weeks early. Jackson lived less than four hours. His sister Navy underwent 12 transfusions and two surgeries. But thanks to her fighting spirit and March of Dimes advances in treating premature babies, Navy survived.

Today, at 7 years old, Navy serves as the March of Dimes 2005 National Ambassador. While her parents, Jamie and Mike, are grateful for her remarkable outcome, they're reminded daily of the loss of Jackson. They have seen both faces of the problem of premature birth and know how much work is still to be done. Nearly half a million babies are born prematurely every year — tiny lives that hang in the balance. The March of Dimes, with help from its 3 million volunteers, is determined to reach the day when all babies get a healthy, full-term start in life.