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Seasons Greetings, PreemieWorld Community!

As we begin to wrap up 2023, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to YOU, our preemie community. Thank you for entrusting us with your preemie stories and for sharing information about your organizations and how they are supporting preemie families around the world. We have been incredibly inspired by each and every one of you dedicating your time, resources and efforts in this space.

The new year will find PreemieWorld continuing with gusto to support and advocate for preemie families and professionals. We will continue to fight for heath equity, better resources for preemie families and we will continue to lend our support through our Preemie Inspire Network - preemie families in need of a support system, we got your back! To all our preemie families still in the NICU this holiday season, we send you strength, courage and hope. We are with you.

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!
- Jenny Reyes- McCormick



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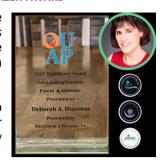


## **WHAT'S NEW**

### ONCE UPON A PREEMIE TRAILBLAZER AWARD

**Deb Discenza** was presented with the Trailblazer Award on *Prematurity Awareness Day* from **Once Upon A Preemie** at the annual conference for racial and health equity.

Congratulations to our very own, Deb Discenza for being recognized as a trailblazer in the preemie community and health equity space. Well deserved!



# PREEMIEWORLD STORIES



#### IAN PRYDE



"Ian has remained a steadfast and dedicated human, in a rush to be born, and to achieve great things!"-Iim Pryde

"Ian was determined to take the world by storm, even while still in the womb, shares preemie dad," Jim Pryde. "At 32 weeks and 4 pounds, he was delivered by emergency C-section at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia, MO on April 22, 2008. He was immediately transferred to the NICU at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City where he spent 38 days. He struggled through ROP and RDS, and experienced a potential diagnosis of NEC."

Today, Ian is 15 years old, and is a sophomore at Warrensburg High School. After his NICU discharge, he met all of his milestones without issue, and by the age of 3, no longer required follow up or specialist visits. He has proven to be a successful scholar and athlete, and a kind and caring community member, friend, and big brother.

Read full story: Preemie Stories - Dec2023



# THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT

#### **OUTREACH: INTERNATIONAL**



The Butterfly Project

Most women who have a multiple pregnancy (twins, triplets or more) do not have complications, but sadly, every day in the UK at least one baby from a multiple pregnancy dies.

**The Butterfly Project** worked with parents and staff to understand their experiences and feelings by conducting research, workshops and a film project. The website is an educational resource and is linked to a <a href="#FREE 4-hour online course">FREE 4-hour online course</a> for health professionals.

- Butterfly cot cards: Skye High Foundation
- Support and advice following the loss of a baby from a multiple pregnancy please contact the <u>Twins Trust</u>
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# PREEMIE STORE



The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide, now in it's second edition, is considered one of the best parenting books for preemie families providing real experience of being in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU and resources to help you get through it.

Now available in our PreemieWorld Store!



# PREEMIE PRO CORNER

4th Future of Neonatal Care conference

- April 3-6, 2024
- · Location: Lisbon, Portugal
- Website: Portugal Conference

## 2024 Neonatal/Fetal Conference

- May 14-16, 2024
- Location: Columbus, Ohio
- Website: Columbus Conference



## ALLIANCE FOR BLACK NICU FAMILIES

Cups for a Cause | Donation Page

## **GLO PREEMIES**

Giving Tuesday | Donation Page

## THE SUPERHERO PROJECT

The Superhero Gala | Info

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## **PREEMIE GENIUS**



BREASTFEEDING TOOLKIT Small Steps, Big Gains

Small steps, BIG gains is a program developed to help mothers of NICU babies achieve their breastfeeding goals.





This program was developed by a neonatologist, neonatal nurse practitioner, and neonatal nurse that understand the uniqueness and challenges of that come with the NICU and breastfeeding. Get your FREE breastfeeding toolkit now:

Breastfeeding Toolkit



## PREEMIEWORLD DIRECTORY

#### AIR CHARITY NETWORK

Whether you are looking for a support group or general preemie-related resources, chances are that our global Preemie Directory has it!



**PreemieWorld Directory** 

Air Charity Network is a charitable organization that provides access for people in need who are seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community, or national crisis.



# PREEMIE FREEBIES

### **RESOURCES FOR BEREAVED PARENTS**

December is National Grief Awareness Month and PreemieWorld is providing resources for our beloved grieved angel parents. Learn what products and services are available to you. Ahora disponible en Español!

#### Freebies-Gifts-Resources



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