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### **A NOTE FROM JENNY**

Preemie love is in the air here at PreemieWorld as we continue to search for ways to support you, our amazing community of preemie parents and professionals. Check out some of these resources:

Inspire Preemie Network: A safe & private virtual preemie parent community. preemie.inspire.com Monthly Newsletters: Subscribe and receive monthly newsletters designed for preemie parents and preemie professionals. www.PreemieWorld.com Instagram LIVE: Look out for special interviews and giveaways on Instagram. @PreemieWorld The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide to the NICU (2nd Edition): A book designed to support parents in the NICU and beyond. Available on Amazon and www. PreemieWorld.com

**Preemie Crystal Ball:** A research portal being developed for the preemie community through the lifespan of pregnancy and beyond. Join the movement! https://crystalballhealth.com/



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## AFTER THE NICU

Your baby has been cared for by experts in the field of neonatology. Now finding a pediatrician to care for your baby after he or she leaves the NICU can seem like a daunting task. If you are trying to find a pediatrician, here are a few places to start:

- **NICU Team:** Prior to leaving the NICU, ask the neonatologist and NICU team for some suggestions. They will be familiar with the pediatricians who practice in or near the hospital and may be able to give you some guidance.
- Online Resources: Many online sites have star ratings for pediatricians in your area. Along with the ratings, they provide information on the pediatrician's background, education, hospital affiliations, insurance networks accepted, staff and peer reviews. <u>https://www. healthgrades.com/</u>

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## **PREEMIE STORY OF THE MONTH**

#### **MAXIMILIANO DIAZ "MIGHTY MAX"**

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 C "Prematurity has taught me patience and it got me closer to God. My faith is so much stronger now."
 J Max's Mommy

66 Maximiliano aka "Mighty Max" was born at 31 weeks gestation due to preeclampsia. "Everything seemed to happen quickly and I was hospitalized on November 20, 2019 due to high blood pressure and by November 22nd, I was flown by helicopter to a hospital in San Diego, CA," recalls, Max's mom, Valeria.

"This was the scariest experience of my life. I had never even heard about the NICU before Max's early arrival. I had zero idea of what I was about to go through," relates Valeria.

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## **KE'NIYA SPEAKS FOUNDATION**

#### OUTREACH: FLORIDA, USA

"Ke'Niya Speaks Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in memory of my daughter, Ke'Niya Ealey," shares Founder, Selina Hodge. "I gave birth prematurely at 25 weeks and 4 days. Our Preemie Princess passed away in the NICU, at 4 months and 1 day, just days before she was scheduled to be released to come home. Ke'Niya's death was unexpected, and from that day until now, our lives were changed forever."

The main mission of Ke'Niya Speaks Foundation is to raise awareness and educate the community on how important prematurity is.

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It's not just the cool design or perfect fitour t-shirts help support our organization.

Each shirt is constructed with 100% fine jersey cotton.





Inspire another preemie parent with a few words of wisdom.

@sillymommaof5littles: Breathe, and ask for help. Having a preemie is difficult, and the social isolation, especially now, is going to make that journey harder. Even if it's a friend or family member stopping by your house to switch your laundry or clean up your kitchen and leave a meal, it'll help. You have more important things to focus on.

@nerdymamap: These sweet babies were always meant to be ours no matter how difficult our journey. It takes extra special moms to care for these extra special babies. Even though the difficult beginning seems like it goes on forever, you blink and the NICU feels like another lifetime ago.

## **NON-PROFIT NEWS**

#### **CARTER'S CAUSE**

Instagram LIVE Series

#### **GRAHAM'S FOUNDATION**

Preemie Parent Mentor Program



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## WHAT'S NEW?

#### PREEMIEWORLD NEWS



- Deb Discenza was recently featured in Neonatology Today sharing an important social topic: White Privilege & Why NICUs Should Care - Click link to read: <u>https://</u> preemie.us/NeoTodayFeature
- The Alliance for Black NICU Families still needs your survey support. - <u>https://pree-</u> mie.us/BlackNICUFamilies
- Preemie Crystal Ball needs YOUR feedback on your feelings around research. - <u>https://</u> preemie.us/PCBSurvey

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#### PREEMIE GENIUS $\star \star \star \star$

TABLE FOR FIVE

A Father's Story of Life, Love and Loss

Author, Ted Yang shares a heartfelt memoir of his triplets born at 24 weeks' gestation. What a great resource, especially for preemie fathers!

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## **PREEMIEWORLD TAGS**

#### **ESMÉ ELISE HAHN**



Tag us on Instagram before the 15th of the month for a chance to be highlighted!

Esmé Elise Hahn was born at 31 weeks due to complete placenta previa.

Today, Esmé is now a happy, wild, and bubbly 2 year old! She climbs everything and runs everywhere. She has the fine and gross motor skills of a 3-4 year old and is the funniest toddler I have ever met. She is truly a miracle and we love her fiercely!

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## PREEMIE FREEBIES

#### HEART HEALTH STATISTICS CARD

February is American Heart Month. Did you know that babies who are born too soon may be more likely to develop heart disease as adults than full-term infants? Download our FREE statistics card today! *Ahora disponible en Español.* 



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