



Preemies Today Receives Generous Donation from the Soucy Family Foundation

(Springfield, VA) January 6, 2012 - Preemies Today announced on January 5th that Preemies Today, a volunteer-based, non-profit, received a \$5,000 Fidelity Charitable grant made possible through the generosity and recommendation of the Soucy Family Foundation, a donor-advised fund in honor of their daughter Aubrianna "Bri" born at 29 weeks gestation.

"Thanks for being there when we needed the help," said donor, Nicole Soucy. "You were a blessing to me when our daughter Bri was in the hospital. We appreciate the sleep sacks you gave us and finding out about the Preemies Today message boards. I have found very useful information there. Just knowing that there are other mothers going through the same issues as me helped put my mind at ease. I have been very blessed that my preemie has been so healthy, but I know that there are a lot of babies that aren't as lucky as her and it breaks my heart. So anything I could do to help, even a little, was my goal."

"Words cannot express how grateful and touched we are by this generous donation," said Mary Beth Hazelgrove, Executive Director of Preemies Today. "We will be able to provide services to more families which is an incredible opportunity to make a lasting difference in the preemie community."

In 2011, Preemies Today provided care kits and sleep sacks to families at Inova Alexandria and Georgetown Hospitals, parent lectures on topics such as Post-traumatic stress, and continued to make matches in the popular parent-to-parent matching program. Preemies Today also donated six kangaroo care chairs to three Washington DC Metropolitan area NICUs which help new mothers nurture their newborns comfortably.

As part of this grant Preemies Today will be able to fund tote bags for the entire year, educational brochures to all 21 hospitals in the DC Metro/Baltimore region, as well as a parent lecture series to take place this spring on topics such as sensory integration, holistic health, and nutrition. For more information on Preemies Today or any of our programs, please visit www.preemiestoday.org.

About Preemies Today

Preemies Today is a 501c3 non-profit organization based out of the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

We provide an online resource directory, community forum, NICU Care Packages, and education lectures. Our mission is to advocate for the needs of families experiencing the traumatic event of premature birth. We carry out this mission by providing education, support, resources, and a sense of community through outreach programs and parent-to-parent support from birth throughout childhood.

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