

# Your support helps babies

Each year, 1 in 10 babies is born prematurely in the United States. In fact, premature birth is the #1 killer of babies. That's why the March of Dimes is working hard to find out what causes this and how to prevent it. Your gift helps us fight premature birth through research, education, treatments and more.

Here are some ways you're helping babies:

## BRAIN

We're fighting premature birth — baby's brain needs at least 39 weeks to develop.

## LUNGS

Surfactant and nitric oxide therapies save the lives of many premature babies.

## HEART

New treatments mean better survival rates for the tiniest heart patients.

## HEEL

Newborn screening — a drop of blood from baby's heel could save her life.

## EYES

We're developing treatments to cure vision defects.

## SMILE

We've identified a gene responsible for oral cleft and are working on preventions.

## SPINE

Folic acid education means fewer babies are born with neural tube defects.



A FIGHTING CHANCE FOR EVERY BABY™

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