



The March of Dimes helps moms, babies and families by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Our work involves constant collaboration to develop innovative breakthroughs that fight these problems at their source and in your community. This is crucial at our March of Dimes Prematurity Research Centers, scientific hubs where lifesaving research is funded and shared across centers, disciplines and even state lines. Together we're finding answers that will help moms and babies today, tomorrow and in the future.

In Illinois, more than 158,100 babies are born every year, and the work of the March of Dimes touches each one of them, whether they are born healthy, prematurely, with a birth defect or other health complications. Each year in Illinois:

- 16,032 babies are born preterm — that's one in 10 babies born too soon.
- 4,791 babies are born with a birth defect.
- 937 babies die before reaching their first birthday.
- Prematurity and birth defects are the leading causes of infant mortality.
- The medical and societal cost of preterm birth is \$827 million.

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Mission

To improve the health of babies by preventing premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

Vision

Prematurity is the #1 killer of babies in the United States. Here in Illinois, one in every 10 babies is born premature. We are working to change that and help more moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. From polio to prematurity, the March of Dimes continues to focus on researching the problems that threaten our children and finding ways to prevent them.

Upcoming Events

Peoria Signature Chefs Gala
with Event Chair Steve Weaver
November 9, 2017
Peoria Civic Center

Peoria March for Babies
Spring 2018
Location TBD

The March of Dimes has been conducting special events for more than 60 years. These activities—formal balls, signature chef auctions and dinners, motorcycle rides, golf tournaments and March for Babies—help the March of Dimes fund cutting-edge research and innovative programs to save babies. With a wide variety to choose from, there is something for everyone!

Through community service, advocacy, research, education and support, we are changing the lives of moms, babies and families across the country and in your community.

How to Help

We have volunteer activities available throughout the year, including some special highlight programs: March for Babies and our Signature Chefs Gala. We hold our March for Babies events in communities around the country during spring towards the end of April, beginning of May. Our Signature Chefs Galas are held in the fall in October and November. Both are an exciting way for volunteers to learn more about our efforts. Find out more ways to help by emailing us at brjohnson@marchofdimes.org, and we can work with you to match your interest with our events.