



Virtual
'Tinis for Preemies

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
Inspiring Family Stories
Honoring Champions in Prematurity
Fund-A-Family Fundraiser
Special Guests... Like You!

Thursday, November 19
5 p.m. PST / 8 p.m. EST
\$25 per family

REGISTER NOW

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Preemie parents learn how to turn lemons into lemonade. And due to COVID-19, we've had to rethink our signature fundraiser and turn it into a virtual event. We are excited by the opportunity to celebrate it in an entirely new way with our community. For those who've wanted to attend this annual event but have not been able to do so - this is your chance!

The first 100 registrants will receive a special gift box that includes a Pampers tote, Tito's swag, Maddie & Bella's coffee, a Graham's Foundation face mask, and more. Register by October 31 to help ensure receipt of your gift box prior to the event. Note: Available to ship to addresses in the continental U.S.

We're creating a unique experience that you won't want to miss. It will be an opportunity to hear from our founder, Nicholas Hall, inspiring family stories, leaders in prematurity and so much more.

This year, we're honoring three amazing individuals:



Valencia P. Walker, MD, MPH

Associate Chief Diversity and Health Equity Officer

Associate Division Chief of Health Equity and Inclusion

Nationwide Children's Hospital - Ohio State University College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Valencia P. Walker, MD, MPH, has garnered a national reputation for her diversity, equity and inclusion efforts within science, medicine, and healthcare. She recently joined Nationwide Children’s Hospital (Columbus, Ohio) as the Associate Chief Diversity and Health Equity Officer. She also maintains her clinical practice as a neonatologist and champions efforts to eliminate health disparities. Prior to her role at Nationwide, she served as an Assistant Dean of Equity and Diversity Inclusion for the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. A physician leader, Dr. Walker chairs the California Medical Association’s Council on Legislation and provides guidance on the legislative activity for the nearly 50,000 members represented by the organization. In addition to receiving her medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. Walker obtained an MPH degree from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



Sue Ludwig OTR/L, CNT

President and Founder National Association of Neonatal Therapists (NANT)

Sue Ludwig is the President and Founder of the National Association of Neonatal Therapists (NANT), a professional organization of passionate neonatal therapists who aim to improve developmental outcomes for premature and sick infants in the NICU.

Sue is a certified neonatal therapist and practiced at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for over 20 years.

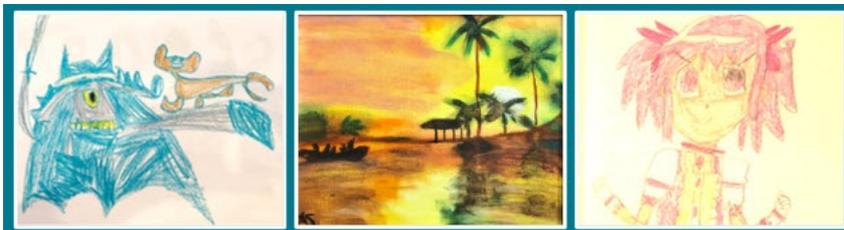


Jens Christian Schwindt, MD

Neonatologist and CEO SIMCharacters

Jens Christian Schwindt, M.D., is a specialist in pediatrics and former neonatology consultant at the Medical University Vienna (Austria). His passion is patient safety and he works to improve the care of critically ill newborns and their families. After several years of clinical practice, Dr. Schwindt formed SIMCharacters Training, which uses a high emotion preterm simulator that allows medical teams worldwide to train on handling critical neonatal emergencies under highly realistic conditions.

[Additional information about the honorees is available here.](#)



Send Us Your Premie Art

As part of our ‘Tinis for Premies event, each honoree will receive a framed

reproduction of artwork that was created by a former preemie. Artwork will be selected from pieces that are submitted to our Preemie Art Gallery. Artwork submitted by the end of September will be included in the selection process for the 'Tinis event.

NOTE: If your preemie's artwork is selected, we will need the original copy for a high resolution scan.

[SUBMIT ARTWORK HERE](#)

Our New Normal

The summer is coming to a close and many of us are heading into another phase of this new normal. Regardless of what your community and family have selected, we are all experiencing another transition. No matter where you are, I hope you all know that you don't have to do this all alone! WE are a community of preemie parents and if anyone can pivot and adapt, it is US!

This has been our mentality at Graham's Foundation since the beginning of this pandemic. Our goals have not changed, we are just adapting in order to achieve them. As we ensure that we are providing the best support possible to parents at any stage of their prematurity journey, one constant remains: YOU! Our incredible donors, supporters, and corporate partners have remained focused and dedicated to our mission. Thank you so much for your unwavering support as we create a world where no parent faces the journey of prematurity alone.

Many of you have provided a financial gift to our programs and I cannot begin to express our gratitude! If you haven't had the chance to donate yet, there is still time to have your gift matched! With the matching grant that's currently available, all gifts are doubled. [Make a donation here](#). You are making an impact in the lives of preemie parents today.

Heather McKinnis, Preemie Mom
Director of Development



NICU TO HOME

Preemie moms Heather McKinnis and Nicole Bugna-Doyle shared NICU to home transition tips during our first webcast.

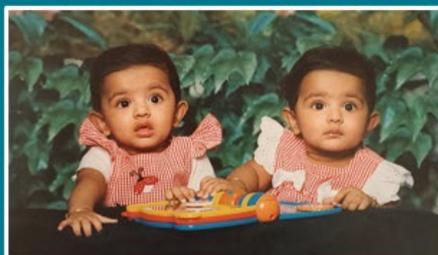
NICU to Home Webcast - Replay Now Available

In July, we held our first webcast, "From the NICU to Home, Tips for a Smooth Transition," hosted by mentors from our [Preemie Parent Mentor Program](#), Heather McKinnis and Nicole Bugna-Doyle. They shared answers to some of the most common questions our mentors receive.

If you missed the webcast, you can [watch it here](#). We also created a document that lists answers to the ten most common questions we receive. [Download it here](#).

If you, or someone you know, are bringing your preemie home from the NICU, these resources provide valuable information for a smooth transition.

DID YOU KNOW ?



Did you know that the Graham's Foundation website includes a [blog](#) where preemie parents (and sometimes former preemies) share their stories, pictures, and poems? One example is a [recent blog](#) by preemie twins Aanchal and Pallavi, who - now teenagers - share the story of their birth and their return to the NICU where they were cared for as infants.

Want to share your story? [Find out how](#).



Impact of Coronavirus/ COVID-19 on special/intensive care for newborns - a parents' perspective

Are you a parent of a sick or preterm baby that was born during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Take part in our global and multilingual survey!

global alliance for newborn care EFCNI

Be Part of a Global Survey

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn infants is conducting a global study of preterm infants born during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are asking parents of preemies born during the pandemic to participate in this survey.

[Take the survey](#)

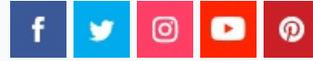
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