



Preemie Professional



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Chief Executive



Photo Credit: Group B Strep Support

Organization:

Group B Strep Support at
www.gbss.org.uk

Years Helping Premies: 18

Focus: Premies are particularly vulnerable to group B Strep infection. Jane supports families whose babies have been affected by group B Strep, and works to improve prevention.

NOTE: July is **International Group B Strep Awareness Month** which raises awareness among families and health professionals so that more of these potentially devastating infections can be prevented.

PROFESSIONAL TIP:

Parents of premies need professionals who are able to take the time to explain their baby's condition, treatment and prognosis clearly, honestly and compassionately.

ADVOCATE: Group Strep B Awareness

Many premies are born due to a variety of infections. Awareness is key for parents in order to be able to protect their baby in utero and in the days, weeks and months after birth. With this in mind, **July is International Group B Strep Awareness Month**. Learn more from the international organization **Group B Strep Support** here: <http://www.gbss.org.uk>

PREEMIE FREEBIE: Group Strep B in Numbers

PremieWorld provides a number of free handouts to be used in the NICU and beyond in its ["Freebies For You"](#) section of the website. This month's freebie is **Group Strep B in Numbers**. "As July is awareness surrounding Group Strep B, our friends at Group Strep B Support have an excellent resource that shows important stats," comments **Deb Discenza, Founder of PremieWorld, LLC**. "While these numbers relate to the United Kingdom, they show the

reality that this is something parents and professionals should be thinking about in the NICU and at home."

DOWNLOAD IT:

<http://premie.us/GBSSpremie>

MORE FREEBIES:

<http://bit.ly/PremieFreebies>

TO DO LIST:

✓ **CONGRATS!:** **Lisa Brown** (Premie Shower), **Pam Tabor** (*little man* DVD) & **Angela Cross** (Abena premie and newborn size diapers).

✓ **LIKED US YET?:** PremieWorld is doing another PremieWorld Facebook page contest. See page 2 of this newsletter for details!

✓ **DOWNLOAD FREE TOOLS:**

Free from PremieWorld at <http://bit.ly/PremieFreebies> and pass them onto Premie Parents in their welcome packets.

✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

2nd Int'l Neonatology Assoc. Conference
July 15-17, 2016 in Vienna Austria
<http://2016.worldneonatology.com>

2nd Edition Transport of High Risk Neonates
September 1-3, 2016 Copenhagen, Denmark
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/142020>

✓ **CONTACT US:**

Have an event to share? A pro or an organization, or product to highlight? Tell us at:
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TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR THE PREEMIE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT:

The Gift of Life



After having a premature baby boy, **Rosie Moore** saw a need for reliable NICU support. So she formed **The Gift of Life** to help provide support to families in a variety of ways, understanding that parents' stress level can directly correlate to depression, anxiety and PTSD and affect the development of their infant.

Established:

2015

Outreach:

Orlando, Florida, USA with plans to go national.

Website: www.thegiftoflife27.org

Programs: Admission care packages, Discharge packages, NICU baskets for the families, Premie Mentor program, a NICU Care Guide e-book on the website, NICU Visits and more.

ORGANIZATION:

Faith's Lodge

Faith's Lodge was created by a bereaved Twin Cities couple, **Mark and Susan Lacek**, in remembrance of their daughter, **Faith Ann**. The Laceks felt they had no place to go where people understood what they were experiencing, so they decided to build **Faith's Lodge**. The lodge, set in the peaceful North Woods, is a refuge for families working through the death or medically complex condition of a child to reflect on the past, renew strength for the present and build hope for the future.

Established:

2007

Outreach:

National and Regional
(Midwest)

Website:

www.faithslodge.org

Programs: Bereaved parents who have lost an infant or toddler (12 weeks gest. - 2 years); bereaved parents who have lost an older child (3 years - mid 20s); bereaved families who have lost an infant or toddler (12 weeks gest. - 2 years); bereaved families who have lost an older child (3 years - mid-20s); families with a medically complex child. See site for 5k and Gala.



PREMIEWORLD: "LIKE US" ON FACEBOOK & YOU COULD WIN!

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<http://bit.ly/FBPreemie>

"Like" our FB page from **6/26/16 - 7/22/16** and you could win a copy of the award-winning *little man* DVD documentary from PremieWorld!



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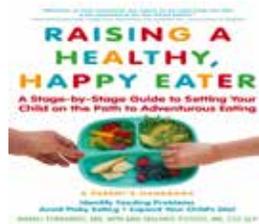


Book: *Raising a Healthy, Happy Eater*

by Nimali Fernando, MD, MPH
and Melanie Potock, MA, CCC-SLP

Whether a preemie is 36 weeks or 22 weeks, one thing all preemies tend to have in common are feeding challenges. In *Raising a Healthy, Happy Eater*, Fernando and Potock have created a guide that takes parents across the feeding spectrum from birth on forward and detailing it in a developmental sense, in a sensory manner and more. Preemies get lots of attention throughout the book and the authors even delve into the topics of "Failure to Thrive" and feeding therapy which is very helpful.

And don't forget the numerous extras on the book's website too: a free toolbox of downloads and the Kitchen Club full of free preview videos with great suggestions:
www.ParentingIntheKitchen.com



WIN THIS BOOK!

Follow us on Twitter by 7/22/16 to enter: <http://bit.ly/PremieTweets>



AFTER THE NICU:

Inappropriate Questions About Your Preemie

Sadly, we live in a society where an infant or toddler tethered to medical equipment or seeming different physically or behaviorally in any fashion invites people with no sense of decency to ask inappropriate questions.

Preemies, unfortunately tend to fall prey to these unbelievably rude questions and comments: "She's so small!" or "What's wrong with him?" or "Does she have disabilities?" or "Is he going to be normal?"

Your answer? A look of silent surprise and then just stare at the person. If they don't get the message, then walk away without saying a word. *They don't deserve a response.*

SHARE YOUR TIPS:

What inappropriate questions have you endured?
How did you handle them?

Use the hashtag [#premieparentexpert](https://twitter.com/premieparentexpert)

PREEMIE PROFESSIONAL ONLINE

NICU PROFESSIONALS GROUP (LINKEDIN)

RESEARCH: Preemies Get Boost in Pertussis Protection from Mom's Vaccination

STUDY: Immunization Safety in Preterm Infants

HEARTBREAKING: Neonatal Nurse's FB Post Goes Viral for Revealing the Heartbreaking Side of Her Role

EARLY INTERVENTION PROFESSIONALS GROUP (LINKEDIN)

DISCUSSION: Early Intervention Can Dramatically Change Outcomes

CORRECT: Too Much Noise a Problem for Premature Babies

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COOL: 15 Questions No Preemie Mom Should Be Afraid to Ask

COOL: Preemie Update - Vihaan

BE THE SMART PRO FOR FAMILIES

Tell your families about the **Premie Support Forum** on Inspire.com! Our own **Deb Discenza** moderates this **FREE global network of over 27,000 parents from NICU to adulthood**. Visit <https://www.inspire.com/groups/premie> to learn more.

FIND OUT HOW TO JOIN THESE GROUPS

Refer to "Get Social with Us" on page 4 for more information. Share news and research with us at connect@premieworld.com.

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PREMIEWORLD'S "PREMIE SHOWER"

PremieWorld has launched a monthly **Premie Shower!** Each month we will be picking *one* NICU to receive donated items.

This month's product is the book **Go Premies!** by **Andy Male** (www.gopremies.com) a book that celebrates famous premies in history and is fascinating for all members of a preemie family.

Go Premies! will be donating 10 copies of its book to one lucky NICU!

We will select one NICU from our "Premie Family for Professionals" list by 7/22/16 at www.bit.ly/PremieFam4Pros

NICUs: What do YOU want for a Premie Shower?
Tell us using the hashtag **#premieshower**

