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EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN 2020

recreating the PremieWorld

Greetings, PremieWorld Community! This is Jenny, Assistant Editor of PremieWorld and a proud premie mom of a former 26-week micro-preemie. In just the short year I've been working for PremieWorld, there has been so much growth as our fearless leader, Deb continues to find new ways to reach out and advocate for premie families everywhere. 2020 will prove to be an exciting year for PremieWorld! What's new?

Share Your Premie Story: The NICU may be a distant memory, but the effects of premature birth are often life-long. This is a place for you to say thank you to people who have helped you on your journey, vent your frustrations, or simply share your story. We're here, and we're listening.

- <https://preemie.us/ShareYourStory>

PremieWorld Ambassador Program: PremieWorld is seeking volunteers for its new Ambassador Program! We are looking for a very special group of parents, former premies and neonatal professionals. Interested in joining? Ambassador form: <https://premieworld.com/become-an-advocate/>

PremieWorld would like to wish you a happy holiday season! We look forward to being of service to you in a bright, exciting, and hope-filled new year!

-Jenny McCormick #celebratepreemies

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A group that is making a difference in the field of prematurity and neonatology.



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TO DO LIST:

- ✓ **PremieWorld Tags.** Tag you are it, check out page 4 for a section all about [our Instagram followers](#).
- ✓ **Freebies.** Get free downloads from PremieWorld at <http://bit.ly/PremieFreebies> Have an idea for a freebie? Contact us and let us know.
- ✓ **32nd World Pediatrics Conference**
Dec 4-5 | Barcelona, Spain
<https://worldpediatrics.pediatricsconferences.org>
- ✓ **Greater Philly Interfaith Remembrance Service**
Dec 5 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<https://www.todayisagoodday.org/events>

CONNECT WITH US:

Have an event you want to share with our community? Visit <https://premieworld.com> or drop us a line at connect@premieworld.com!

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PREEMIE FREEBIE: "DEAR DOCTOR, I WAS PREMATURE"

PremieWorld and Premie Crystal Ball provide a number of free handouts to be used in the NICU and beyond on the "Freebies" page of our websites. This month's freebie is: **Dear Doctor, I was Premature.** You can get it by going to the link below at Crystal Ball Health:

"Dear Doctor, I was Premature":
<https://preemie.us/FreebieCBH>

“ Premature Birth is showing effects across the lifespan. Having a form like this is gold for your doctor. Download it today! ”

~ Deb Discenza, PremieWorld, LLC

SUPPORT: JUSTICE4JOI



Justice4Joi was founded after **Janiene Taylor** was faced with a decision to stay at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for 23 days and send her family and two daughters home to Youngstown, Ohio while she cared for newborn baby girl, **Justice Joi**. Upon being released nearly one month later, Janiene relates, *"I came to the understanding that some parents would not have that same opportunity to stay and care for their preemie. In that moment, I decided that I had to find a way to provide support, understanding, and hope to the many families who find themselves caring for a child in the NICU."*

The mission of Justice4Joi is to provide specialized care packages, help improve the quality of care in the NICU, financial assistance, and supportive services to all NICU families.



Year Established: 2018
Website: justice4joi@yahoo.com
Outreach: Ohio, USA

ORG: HATS AND PEAS, INC

Hats and Peas, Inc is an organization that focuses on providing non-medical comfort to premature babies in the NICU. Founder, **Tade Akinkugbe** relates, *"Our son David was born so premature, he was too small to be fed or dressed for over four weeks."* She recalls, *"The one thing he could wear were tiny hats that the nurses dressed him in to provide some warmth along with beautifully crocheted blankets for skin-to-skin time."*

"These items, specifically the small sized hats & blankets are relied upon by the generosity of others and now that we have been home for a bit, it is time to give those moments to as many families as we can," says Tade.

Hats and Peas, Inc mission is to give babies in the NICU hand-knitted/crochet hats, blankets and NICU developmental toys for the babies and host an "Annual Meet Us for Brunch" Fundraiser to increase awareness and raise funds every year.

For more information visit: <https://www.hatsandpeas.org/>



Without warning, a family is brought to its knees when they must choose between the destruction of their idyllic family and the life of their infant son. When Nicholas is born 100 days early, he weighs only one pound and faces impossible odds for survival.

Exposing the rawest of human conditions by portraying her family with unflinching honesty, filmmaker Nicole Conn invites the viewer to probe the most private of questions with her: *when does caring become cruelty? and at what price life?*

"Such a personal piece of filmmaking, Conn makes Michael Moore look like an impartial observer," writes film critic Steve Warren of Miami's *The Weekly News*. Tim Grieron of *LA Weekly* calls the film "an altogether riveting portrait of motherly devotion at its most primal."

37 Minutes Extra Footage with Family Update, Deleted Scenes, and Preview of "The Nurses"

Little man documentary film by nicole conn

Sometimes the greatest love story...

little man
a documentary film by nicole conn

Los Angeles Times
"AN EDGE-OF-YOUR-SEAT, HEART-IN-YOUR-THROAT SUSPENSE STORY"

Wall Street Journal
"IT'S PURE JOY. FEW PEOPLE CAN WATCH WITHOUT FEELING THEIR OWN MORAL COMPASS GO HAYWIRE"

People Magazine
"A TESTAMENT TO FAMILY LOVE"

New York Times
"AN UNUSUALLY HONEST FILM. AN INSPIRATION"

...is about your very own family.

Color 112 min. 5.1 Dolby Digital Surround Sound Not Rated
Aspect Ratio 16:9 Widescreen Region Coding English
SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE AT WWW.LITTLEMANMOVIE.COM

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OOPS! I'M EARLY - BY IRIKA KATIYAR

"Oops! I'm Early," is a delightful picture book to help the youngest of readers understand preterm birth with adorable illustrations and an easy-to-follow storyline of the NICU experience.

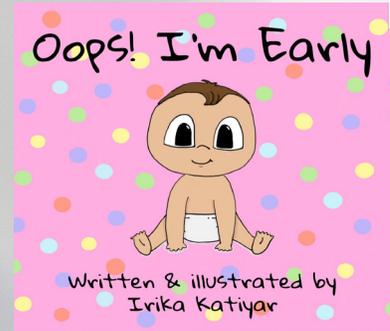
Author, Irika Katiyar is 17-years old and a former premature baby born at 27-weeks gestation. Irika was born with numerous medical issues and stayed in the NICU over 3-months.

Today, Irika is a high school student who loves to play squash, dance, play guitar and write, among many other interests.

For more information visit: <https://premie.us/OopsImEarly>

ONE LUCKY Instagram winner that TAGS @PremieWorld in a post on Instagram will get a copy of this book. Ends 12/15/19.

Congratulations to Sarah Garcia, winner of our November drawing - Soon by Jessica Watson



HOLIDAY CHEER FOR PREEMIE FAMILIES

The holidays are fast approaching. Most parents are excitedly preparing for their little ones 1st Christmas surrounded by friends & family. However, for families with new NICU Grads who may be on oxygen or require medical support and in the midst of RSV and Flu season, celebrating the holidays can feel quite isolating. Here are ways you can bring cheer to preemie families during this time:

- ✔ **'Tis the season - for a Preemie Christmas Outfit!** Remember that many preemies come home from the NICU still in preemie clothes. Think about sending a cute holiday preemie outfit to a special preemie family to help parents feel festive.
- ✔ **The Power of Video Chat.** Take a moment to schedule a video chat with a preemie family in isolation. Facetime, Skype, WhatsApp...Whatever program you use, REMIND your favorite preemie family that they are not alone this holiday season.
- ✔ **Gifts for Special Needs Preemies.** Many preemies develop sensory issues and delays. When purchasing a toy, think "sensory-friendly" like textured blocks and textured board books. *Parenting Special Needs Magazine* is a great resource for ideas.
- ✔ **Gift Cards.** A food delivery service gift card or a favorite grocery store gift card are not only thoughtful but much appreciated!

- Jenny McCormick, PremieWorld



PREEMIE FAMILY ONLINE

Inspire Preemie Community:

Parents, Grandparents, Adults
& High-Risk Pregnancies

Help your families connect with over 47,000 parents of preemies worldwide! This close-knit forum is moderated by our own **Deb Discenza**.

The community connects families in the NICU, at home, into the school years, adult preemies and women with high-risk pregnancies.

<https://premie.inspire.com>

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<http://bit.ly/PremieTweets>

PremieWorld on Facebook

<http://premie.us/PremieFB>

PremieWorld on Instagram

<http://premie.us/PremieInstagram>

HIGHLIGHTING @LILYSLITTLELUNGS

Our latest preemie highlight: [@lilyslittlélungs](#)

Meet the most adorable scuba diver EVER, **Lily Wolff!** Lily was born at 24 weeks, 3 days, weighing 1 lb, 1 oz. and spent 256 days in the NICU.

“**Lily has been home for 8 months now and she is thriving!**”
- Lily’s momma

We Could Highlight YOUR PREEMIE

Deadline: Like, tag and include [@PremieWorld](#) in your Instagram update post by the 15th of the month.

FEATURED PREEMIE ANGEL:

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You will forever be in my thoughts.

- Dick Willingface



We welcome your submissions for this section of Preemie Pride, Preemie Angel, and Preemie Prayer at [PremieWorld.com](#)



SNEAK PEEK

In next month’s issue.....

Preemie World Tags

Tag us and we’re it! But it is really all about you, Social Media Follower! We share the love right back to you.

Preemie Genius

We are reviewing a new item of interest to parents of preemies and pros. Don’t miss it!

And More!

Have you subscribed to Preemie Family yet? It’s free!
<http://bit.ly/preemie1>

Something SPECIAL is coming soon.....

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“When you help a family bond in the NICU, it lasts a lifetime.”
~ Deb Discenza, PremieWorld

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DOB: 01/01/2006
WT: 500 GRAMS
GEST WEEK: 25.5

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