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A NOTE FROM DEB

As I write this, the world is in shutdown due to the novel coronavirus and many families in our community are struggling with the ramifications of the fall-out from that in health, finances and livelihoods.

PreemieWorld is still here for you. Our FREE Inspire Preemie Community that I lead is seeing a large surge in new members due to the social distancing requirements in the NICU. Come join the conversation!

Also our 2nd edition of **The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide to the NICU** is releasing in time for Mother's Day. This updated edition will also include an e-book! Pssst! Special giveaways coming! Until then, may you have the best of health.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Dates to remember in May:

- **Parents of Premie's Day** (May 3rd) - Join Graham's Foundation on Facebook @grahamsfoundation and Instagram @Grahamsfoundation
- **International Bereaved Mother's Day** (May 3rd) - <https://preemie.us/BereavedMothersDay>
- **World Hand Hygiene Day** (May 5th) - <https://preemie.us/WorldHand-HygieneDay>
- **International Kangaroo Care Awareness Day** (May 15th) - <https://kangaroo.care/>
- **NEC Awareness Day** (May 17th) - <https://necsociety.org/>

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YAMILE JACKSON, PhD, PE, PMP

CEO & FOUNDER, ENGINEER, NURTURED BY DESIGN



After graduating with her PhD in ergonomics and safety engineering, Yamile Jackson's son Zachery was born 12 weeks prematurely.

Yamile recalls, "I made a promise to Zachary that his pain and struggle to survive were not in vain and I would dedicate my life to give him the best life possible and to others on his behalf. I made **The Zaky** for him out of a stuffed garden glove. Then a nurse asked me to make them for the rest of the unit. We spent 3 years redesigning the garden glove..."

“Nothing heals the soul, body, and mind of a parent and a baby than being connected by touch”
- Yamile

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KANGAROO.CARE

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



We are a group of imperfect parents, friends, organizations, volunteers, and perinatal professionals from around the world that organize creative solutions to accelerate the implementation and safety of evidence-based kangaroo care.

Our mission: Increase awareness, knowledge, and safety to enhance implementation and practice of kangaroo care and skin-to-skin contact.

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PREEMIE SWAG



It's not just the cool design or perfect fit—our t-shirts help support our organization.

Each shirt is constructed with 100% fine jersey cotton.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Parents of Premie Children with Autism: What do you want other parents to know?

@premiocrystalball: That it is hard to see your child struggle with friendships yet is amazing with adults, especially educators. And that with the challenges there are immense gifts.

@rockerchic4life: That our kids are more than a diagnosis. These kiddos are incredibly talented and smart and it takes a community of acceptance and support to help these amazing individuals thrive.

@trippytee99: That it isn't their fault.



PREMIERWORLD TAGS

LOGAN SAMUELSON



Tag us on Instagram before the 15th of the month for a chance to be highlighted!

“Logan was born at 24-weeks gestation and spent 278 days in the NICU. Brave Logan underwent 22 surgeries before his 1st birthday!

Logan is now thriving at home and working on communication, eating by mouth and weight-bearing in crawl position.”



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WHAT'S NEW?

THE ZAKY CARES ANNUAL GIVEAWAY



The Zaky CARES - ANNUAL GIVEAWAY: This year, The Zaky ZAK and The Zaky HUG will be donated to frontline heroes from COVID-19, hospitals that celebrate Kangaroo Care Day, and families of hospitalized babies. They need each other to get through this pandemic. Additional info: https://thezaky.com/blogs/covid-19/request_donation_bulk



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PREEMIE GENIUS



MY LITTLE FARM

The perfect sensory tool for helping preemies build early language skills!

By Smart Felt Toys

<https://smartfelttoys.com/>



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PREEMIE STORY OF THE MONTH

KINGSTON JACKSON GARZA



“Our story started out like most, overjoyed that we were pregnant. Everything was going great, until it wasn't.”

At 20-weeks pregnant, I noticed my feet were swollen. I thought it was just a pregnancy thing but after a couple of days I called my doctor just to be sure everything was okay. My blood pressure was high so they ended up running more tests at the hospital and decided it would be best for me and the baby if they put me on bed rest.”

“Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.”

- J.K. ROWLING



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PREEMIE FREEBIES

MOTHER'S DAY NOTE

Looking for a special way to say “Happy Mother's Day” to your special preemie mom? Download *A Special Note To My Premie Mom On Mother's Day*. Disponible también en Español.



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