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GRATEFUL PARENTS

“We were told it was fine for us to leave Arizona and visit relatives in Arkansas. But when our little Abigail decided to make her appearance prematurely at 26 weeks, we faced emotional and financial life pressures. Abigail was being cared for in Saint Francis’ Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and we were living 1,500 miles from home – away from family, friends and jobs. Parents With Hope stepped up and offered financial assistance for transportation, housing and other needs while Abigail was in the NICU. It was a huge blessing for us.”

~ Lucas and Victoria Schmid, Arizona

GIVE HOPE

We invite you to make a contribution to the Parents With Hope fund. Your gift will help ease the burden for families during a frightening and stressful time. It can inspire hope — and many new dreams.

For more information or to contribute, contact Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation at 573-331-5133.



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YES! I would like to contribute to the Parents With Hope fund and help ease the burden for families during a frightening and stressful time.

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Business name _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I make this gift to Parents With Hope in honor or memory of _____

PAYMENT METHOD

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 I prefer to give a gift of \$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to Saint Francis Foundation. MasterCard Visa Discover

Card number _____ Name on card _____

Expiration date _____ 3-digit code on back of card _____

Signature _____

THE SIENERS' JOURNEY

In 2006, the Sieners' twin boys were born prematurely at 25 weeks and airlifted to our Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) from Paducah, Ky. During this stressful time, Jason and Leigh Ann experienced the many pressures parents face, which is why they felt it was important to help families in similar situations.

With highly sophisticated care and loving attention, the twins won the battle to survive and were discharged nearly three months after their tenuous arrival. While the experience has left an indelible footprint on their lives, the Siener family is back together at home – living a new dream.

The birth of a baby is a time for great joy and expectation. When a child is born too soon, however, those hopes turn into fears.

As parents of premature twins, Jason and Leigh Ann Siener experienced this emotional roller coaster firsthand. They also saw that in addition to worries about a baby's health, many families face enormous financial and life pressures.

That is why the Sieners created the Parents With Hope fund. It provides financial assistance to families of premature or critically ill newborns in the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Saint Francis Medical Center.

By supporting this vital work, you can help families in need, too.

TINY BABIES, BIG CHALLENGES

Because Saint Francis' Level III NICU is equipped to care for the smallest and most critically ill newborns, it serves families throughout the region. Many travel long distances and spend months away from home and work while a child receives care. Some are not able to see their babies often because they cannot afford gas or a hotel room. Parents With Hope provides financial assistance for transportation, housing and day care needs during a newborn's stay.

Since the program's inception, more than 435 families in the region have been assisted, more than 2,700 hotel rooms have been provided at no charge to parents and more than \$127,000 has been spent to help offset the cost of fuel expenses and hotel rooms.

Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation has contributed a total of \$2,473,000 to help pay for the total renovation of the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which opened in December 2013. The renovation included a developmental follow-up clinic for families, family resting accommodations and baby cameras. Baby cams introduce family and friends to babies via a private, live Web video stream. Often, Level III NICU newborns have few visitors due to infection risk, so this technology helps parents share their bundles of joy with loved ones.



The Siener family (left to right): Charli, Kase, Jason, Leigh Ann and Kip