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The Signature Chefs Auction brings together over 600 guests and 30 of Louisville's finest chefs for an evening of fabulous food, gourmet cocktails, and unique culinary auction packages. Signature Chefs is a key source of funding for the March of Dimes in greater Louisville. There are many ways to support Signature Chefs, including a special campaign known as Fund the Mission. Fund the Mission is a 100% tax-deductible donation which helps fund the lifesaving mission programs of the March of Dimes, including research, education, advocacy, and support for NICU families.

The March of Dimes is able to fund these programs and many more thanks to the support of our donors and partners:

- **NICU Family Support Project** at Norton Women's and Kosair Children's Hospital- St Matthews. The project brings information and comfort to families with a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).
- **Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait**- A community program piloted in Kentucky that educates women about the importance of not rushing your baby's birthday. This program is reducing the rate of elective early deliveries that are not medically necessary by emphasizing why the last days and weeks of pregnancy count. This program has expanded to 15 sites in 3 states due to its success in Kentucky.
- **Centering Pregnancy**, a group approach to prenatal care that combines high-quality services and the power of peer support for low-income women. The program has demonstrated success in reinforcing healthy behaviors and lowering the rate of premature birth.
- **Advocacy efforts** that increase Kentucky's comprehensive newborn screening requirements and support other programs that will improve the health of women and children.
- **Research** at the national level, which enables scientists to better understand prematurity and develop cutting edge therapies resulting in 13 Nobel Prizes.

*The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality*

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