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NATHANIEL BELGER
Born at 25 weeks gestation
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helping seriously ill newborns

Dear Friend,

It is hard to imagine as a parent losing a child. In July of 2000 my son Michael Gerard Puharic was born with a severe chromosome disorder and died 83 hours later. The experience that my husband Adam and I shared allowed us to know just how precious life can be. Little did we realize then how our remarkable baby Michael's spirit would not only impact our lives but go on to have an enormous positive effect on the lives of hundreds of families throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

In our precious son's memory, Michael's Feat was created. This 501©3 non-profit organization has supported, given comfort and eased the burden for hundreds of parents caring for seriously ill newborns in Monmouth and Ocean County New Jersey over the past ten years.

We are very proud of the legacy baby Michael has left. Through the resources of our Fund, we have been able to provide *direct financial assistance to families; created a Family Resource Room at Monmouth Medical Center's Neonatal Unit; purchased needed equipment for the NICU units at Monmouth Medical and Jersey Shore Medical Centers; and assisted families in meeting any of their special needs (respite care, gas cards, etc.).*

Thanks to the generosity of caring people and many local businesses, the funds raised at last year's gala went towards the purchase of special body cooling units needed to treat newborns with Hypoxic-Ischemic brain injury (HIE). These are the first such units provided to medical facilities in this area. Michael's Feat purchased units for both the Monmouth Medical Center and Jersey Shore Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Units.

On April 1, 2011, Michael's Feat will be hosting our ANNUAL SPRING GALA at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ. Please join us in partnering with so many generous corporations in achieving our mission. It is essential we start outreach now so we can continue to purchase needed equipment for our partner hospitals and provide comfort for hundreds of new families in need.

One of the most successful aspects of this event is the silent auction. Enclosed is the silent auction sheet for your review. Please consider donating an auction item or being a gala sponsor. **Your donation will show over 2,000 families in our database that you are a generous and community-minded corporation who deserves support and patronage.**

As Michael's mother, and the co-founder of this important charity, I want you to know that I recognize the sacrifice you are making in my son's memory. Our deadline for participation is March 11, 2011, and I'll be happy to answer any questions at (732) 239-7887.

Respectfully,

Dana Puharic, Founder

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