



Michigan Chapter March of Dimes: a leader in fiscal responsibility

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

Michigan Dollars at Work...

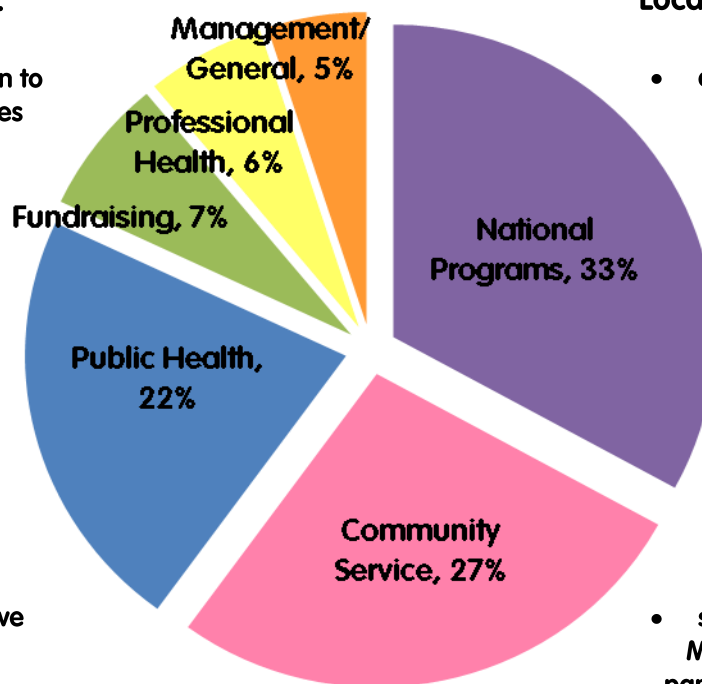
88 cents of every dollar donated goes toward the mission!

Nationally, March of Dimes...

- allocated more than \$24 million to national research to save babies
- invested nearly \$3 million for the Prematurity Research Initiative
- distributed educational materials that reached 12 million women of childbearing age with messages on reducing their risk of premature birth
- expanded the March of Dimes NICU Family Support Program to 84 hospital newborn intensive care units

the foundation now reaches more than 50,000 families annually through these sites

- reached over 58,000 people with our newly formed NICU website and shareyourstory.org, our online community for NICU families



Locally, March of Dimes...

- awarded over \$1.1 million to local researchers trying to save babies in 2009
 - awarded over \$255,000 in chapter community grants to support local innovative programs in maternal/child health in 2009
 - awarded over \$70,000 to sustain the NICU Family Support program at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids
 - successfully advocated for funding to continue the Michigan Birth Defects Registry
 - successfully advocated to expand Michigan's newborn screening panel to include over 40 disorders, including the 29 core disorders recommended by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG)
- created a bi-partisan Prematurity Caucus in the Michigan legislature to develop and enact legislation that ensures every Michigan infant a healthy start

every minute of every day a baby is born too soon and too small

