

## **November is National Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17<sup>th</sup> is National Prematurity Awareness Day**

Join us for a Prematurity Awareness event in your area, raising awareness of the crisis of preterm birth for our babies. Many events are being held to include workshops, presentations, press conferences, family events and more. See event listing below and call your local March of Dimes office to learn about more events and how you can become involved.

You can also visit [www.marchofdimes.com/fightforpreemies](http://www.marchofdimes.com/fightforpreemies) to learn more about preterm birth, what you can do to help, and how to become involved.

### **Austin:**

November 10, 2009 :

“When the Bough Breaks” documentary viewing, panel discussion and reception at The George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center, Boyd Vance Theater. Hosted by the Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. Light refreshments at 5:45pm and film showing at 6:15 pm.

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### **Beaumont:**

November 17, 2009:

Press conference at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital lobby, 10:00 am – 10:20 am

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### **Corpus Christi:**

November 11, 2009:

“Every Baby is Special, Especially our Preemies!!” Event at Driscoll Children’s Hospital at 2:30 pm

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**Dallas:**

November 17<sup>th</sup>:

Prematurity photo exhibit and reception at the African American Museum in Fair Park from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Photo exhibit will remain on display until November 30, 2009 for public viewing

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**El Paso:**

November 18, 2009:

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Prematurity Awareness Symposium  
Wyndham Airport Hotel  
2027 Airways Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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**Fort Worth:**

November 14, 2009

March of Dimes/ Girls Inc. Preconception Seminar for moms and daughters at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Restaurant 8:00 am – 5:00pm

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March of Dimes Presentation at Texas Wesleyan University at 12:00 pm

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**Houston:**

November 14, 2009:

Family Fun Day, Denver Harbor Community Center 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

November 17, 2009:

Reception and press conference at the University of Texas Medical School,  
Light refreshments 3:30 pm, press conference at 4:00 pm

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**Midland:**

November 17, 2009:

Prematurity Awareness Day Press Conference. 12:00 p.m. at The University of  
Texas of the Permian Basin, Center for Energy and Economic Diversification in  
Midland

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**San Antonio:**

November 17, 2009

Prematurity Awareness Day event and proclamation, press conference to follow at  
Wilford Hall Medical Center at 10:00 am.

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