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Premature birth rate 15.7%

Alaska  
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Premature birth rate 11.0%

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Phoenix, Ariz.  
Premature birth rate 13.1%

Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.  
Premature birth rate 13.0%

California  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Premature birth rate 10.5%

Colorado  
Denver, Colo.  
Premature birth rate 12.0%

Connecticut  
Manchester, Conn.  
Premature birth rate 9.7%

Delaware  
Newport, Del.  
Premature birth rate 13.7%

Florida  
Tampa, Fla.  
Premature birth rate 13.0%

Georgia  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Premature birth rate 13.1%

Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Premature birth rate 12.6%

Idaho  
Boise, Idaho  
Premature birth rate 10.7%

Illinois  
Chicago, Ill.  
Premature birth rate 12.8%

Indiana  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
Premature birth rate 12.9%

Iowa  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Premature birth rate 11.4%

Greater Kentucky  
Louisville, Ky.  
Premature birth rate 14.0%

Louisiana  
Baton Rouge, La.  
Premature birth rate 15.6%

Maine  
Falmouth, Maine  
Premature birth rate 10.1%

Maryland  
Baltimore, Md.  
Premature birth rate 13.1%

Massachusetts  
Westborough, Mass.  
Premature birth rate 10.7%

Michigan  
Southfield, Mich.  
Premature birth rate 11.9%

Minnesota  
Edina, Minn.  
Premature birth rate 10.2%

Mississippi  
Jackson, Miss.  
Premature birth rate 17.9%

Greater Kansas  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Premature birth rate (Kansas)  
11.6%  
Premature birth rate (Missouri)  
13.1%

Greater Missouri  
Brentwood, Mo.  
Premature birth rate 13.1%

Montana  
Billings, Mont.  
Premature birth rate 11.1%

Nebraska  
Omaha, Neb.  
Premature birth rate 12.3%

Nevada  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
Premature birth rate 13.6%

New Hampshire  
Concord, N.H.  
Premature birth rate 9.2%

New Jersey  
Cranbury, N.J.  
Premature birth rate 12.1%

New Mexico  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
Premature birth rate 12.7%

New York State  
New York, N.Y.  
Premature birth rate 11.4%

North Carolina  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Premature birth rate 13.6%

North Dakota  
Fargo, N.D.  
Premature birth rate 12.0%

Ohio  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Premature birth rate 12.5%

Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Premature birth rate 12.7%

Greater Oregon  
Portland, Ore.  
Premature birth rate 10.1%

Pennsylvania  
King of Prussia, Pa.  
Premature birth rate 11.6%

Puerto Rico  
Hato Ray, Puerto Rico  
Premature birth rate 18.4%

Rhode Island  
Providence, R.I.  
Premature birth rate 11.6%

South Carolina  
Columbia, S.C.  
Premature birth rate 14.5%

South Dakota  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Premature birth rate 11.2%

Tennessee  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Premature birth rate 14.1%

Texas  
Dallas, Texas  
Premature birth rate 13.9%

Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Premature birth rate 10.4%

Vermont  
Barre, Vt.  
Premature birth rate 9.5%

National Capital Area  
Arlington, Va.  
Premature birth rate 14.8%

Virginia  
Glen Allen, Va.  
Premature birth rate 12.1%

Washington  
Seattle, Wash.  
Premature birth rate 10.3%

West Virginia  
Charleston, W.Va.  
Premature birth rate 13.3%

Wisconsin  
West Allis, Wis.  
Premature birth rate 11.3%

Wyoming  
Casper, Wyo.  
Premature birth rate 11.8%

**National 2003 Premature Birth Rate — 12.3% of live births**

**March of Dimes & Healthy People 2010 Objective — 7.6% of live births**

*Sources: National Center for Health Statistics, 2003 final natality data.*

*Puerto Rico Department of Health*

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For a specific or a percentage bequest, the following language can be used:

“I give to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation the sum of \$ \_\_\_ (dollars) or \_\_\_ % (percent) of my estate.”

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“All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequest to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.”

Before deciding on a planned gift, potential contributors should consult an attorney or financial planner. March of Dimes representatives are also available to provide reliable information about wills and other options, such as charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and gifts of insurance and retirement plans. They will, of course, hold all discussions in the strictest confidence. An inquiry does not obligate a prospective donor in any way. For more information, contact your local March of Dimes office, or call 1-800-315-3698.

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Alexa Marie Ostolaza



Alexa in the NICU at 4 weeks old



The Ostolazas: Jessica, Alexa and Josue



2006 National Ambassador

Living with prematurity

Even though premature babies, like Alexa Ostolaza, often overcome insurmountable odds to survive, no one can predict what the future holds. Born 15 weeks early, and weighing just 1 lb., 4 oz., Alexa suffered breathing problems and bleeding in her brain. Miraculously, she survived thanks to advances developed by the March of Dimes. But, today, she lives with health challenges related to her premature birth, including cerebral palsy and a permanent shunt in her brain. She attends physical therapy regularly. Despite this, she is an active, charming 5-year-old ray of sunshine.

Alexa’s parents, Jessica and Josue, are grateful for their remarkable daughter and recognize how important it is to help in the fight to defeat premature birth. As the 2006 National Ambassador family, Alexa and her parents are traveling the country to share their story and raise awareness about the lasting consequences of prematurity. Every year, half a million babies are born too soon. With the help of its 3 million volunteers, the March of Dimes seeks the day when all babies get a healthy, full-term start — and a lifetime free of disability.