



Dear Friends,

We're honored to serve as Ambassador Family for the March of Dimes Born to Shine Gala. Our family's journey hasn't been easy, but today we have 2 incredible girls.

When Bruce and I were first pregnant, it began relatively normal and smooth, but ended with preterm premature rupture of the membranes (PPROM) at 28 weeks and a 73-day stay in the Inspira Vineland NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.)

In November 2013, born at just 2 pounds, 12 ounces, our daughter Julianne amazed the NICU nurses and doctors. She was small, but full of fight and determination. We watched in amazement as she progressed from intubation to oxygen and passed all the steps needed to be safely sent home.

When we were ready to expand our family, we knew the next pregnancy would be high-risk. At our first appointment, it was evident that this was going to be a long haul. We experienced an emergency cervical cerclage, a week-long hospital stay due to a (thankfully) false test that showed my water broke at 22 weeks and then 4 months of modified bed rest. We finally welcomed another beautiful girl named Adeline, born at 38 weeks. It took a lot to keep her cooking long enough to be safe, but all the struggles were definitely worth it.

Our girls love each other very much and our family is whole. We're one of the many success stories thanks to an amazing team of nurses and doctors, but also because of the extraordinary research, education and resources made possible by March of Dimes.

Our family is hoping you'll join us in supporting their mission to fight for the health of all moms and babies. Please visit marchofdimes.org/events/BornToShineGala for more information. Please [click here](#) to donate on our behalf. Your 100 percent tax-deductible contribution will make a world of difference to other families like ours.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Bruce, Cara, Julianne and Adeline Garrison