What is the Angel II Neonatal Transport?
Angel II is a special mobile neonatal intensive care unit that stabilizes and transports sick and/or premature infants to hospitals. Angel II travels to Level I and Level II hospitals and, after a baby is stabilized there, transports him/her to a Level III or Level IV hospital. For our most complicated cases, the team will transport a child from a Level III hospital to a Level IV hospital. The March of Dimes provided the funding for this vital transport vehicle after Grady Hospital’s two older vehicles were officially taken out of service in 2007. We currently have one March of Dimes Angel II ambulance that travels throughout the state to transport babies on a daily basis. A second Angel II has over 500,000 miles on it and needs replacing.

Why do we need a second Angel II ambulance?
In Georgia, one in seven babies are born too soon, many of these newborns need special treatment and care at a Level III or IV neonatal intensive care hospital to receive the care they need to survive their first days, weeks and months. This is a special, state of the art neonatal intensive care unit on wheels. It is much larger than typical ambulances and contains all of the equipment needed to care for infants and newborns. Infants transported in the Angel II are placed in an isolette or incubator that equipped to continuously monitor every aspect of the baby’s condition while in transit. In the first 10 months, the Angel II has transported more than 400 babies across the state, an average of two babies each day, through more than 40 counties and 35 hospitals statewide.

The Angel II provides the best care available (fast response time and expertise) with this March of Dimes vehicle. While the current Angel II should always be available to transport sick babies, it is often in transit or undergoing routine maintenance, and our small patients are at risk.

How can I help?
To purchase another Angel II ambulance for the transportation of Georgia’s newborns and infants, we need to raise $400,000. Here are some of the things that you can help us to purchase in the new Angel II:

- $70,000 covers the cost of a Transport Isolette (fully outfitted with specialized ventilators, IV pumps)
- $50,000 covers a ventilator
- $25,000 covers a couple of cardio respiratory CO2 monitors
- $10,000 covers 3 IV pumps (sometimes use 5 or 6 on one patient)
- $5,000 covers the cost of an IV pump at $3,000 with supplies
- $2,500 covers the cost of 5 special anti-vibration mattresses
- $1,000 covers the cost for 3 transilluminators (to start IV’s)
During the first six months of service, the Angel II transported more than 300 infants to at least 35 hospitals throughout Georgia. Since then, the number of babies transported has more than doubled with the Angel II transporting at least two babies every day.