

## DEMANDED #BLANKETCHANGE

Each year over **700** women die from complications related to pregnancy, and more than **50,000** others experience life-threatening complications. We launched **#BlanketChange** to speak up for those who couldn't speak for themselves, and we'll keep doing so. With thousands of voices we persuaded policymakers to pass laws and regulations that promote the health of women and babies.



## MADE TWO GIANT STEPS FORWARD



We called for **#BlanketChange** and Congress passed the **PREEMIE Reauthorization Act** and the **Preventing Maternal Deaths Act**, two top advocacy priorities that have the potential to improve the lives of moms, babies and families across the country.



## INTEGRATED A NEW DATABASE

Leadership at our Prematurity Research Center at Stanford created an open-access database to integrate the work of researchers and clinicians to accelerate discoveries and advance research for all moms and babies.



## MOBILIZED COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE

The March of Dimes Prematurity Collaborative united **340** organizations and **over 600** individuals. By advancing policy and practice, and sharing emerging ideas, thought leaders are working to achieve birth equity and reduce preterm birth.



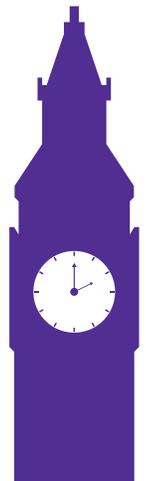
## DEVELOPED A NEW BLOOD TEST FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Researchers developed a blood test using biomarkers in maternal blood that accurately identified **75 to 80 percent** of pregnant women who would deliver babies up to two months prematurely. This finding may help predict, and prevent, premature birth.



## EXTENDED OUR GLOBAL REACH

March of Dimes welcomed the first European Prematurity Research Center (PRC) at the **Imperial College London**. Brilliant minds are working together at the six PRCs to find the causes of prematurity and develop lifesaving solutions.



## RENEWED OUR COMMITMENT TO MOMS AND BABIES



We offered information and comfort to more than

**45**  
THOUSAND

families with our NICU Family Support® program and our **My NICU Baby™ App**.



We worked with over

**60**

hospital partners who fully implemented our **NICU Family Support®** program to reach and educate moms, dads and extended families as they navigate the NICU.



## CREATED NEW SUPPORT NETWORKS FOR MOMS

Our Facebook Mentorship program and Wall of Remembrance connect moms to resources and support, and helps families find inspiration from others. We're a community of leaders and we continue to work to change public policies that impact the lives of moms and babies through initiatives like our Gretchen Carlson Advocacy Fellowship.