



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

March 23, 2017 marked our 5th birthday! We were thrilled with the response we received as we celebrated online with our community.

If you missed our Facebook Live Videos sharing the history and vision of PPA you can check them out

here. <http://bit.ly/2o2IsF0>

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to PPA member, NICU Helping Hands for our birthday present! The gift that gives back...a travel scholarship for ONE PPA member to attend the Summit who wouldn't otherwise be able to. Stay tuned for application info!





## Calling all NICU Dads!

In collaboration with the National Perinatal Association & Patient + Family Care, PPA is developing an online staff education tool based on the NPA's [Recommendations for Psychosocial Support of NICU Families](#). We are asking for your help to capture feedback from dads about their experience.

Please share this link to the survey with your communities:

<http://bit.ly/2nI9CPs>

## PPA Members with Peer Mentor Programs

[Dr. Gill Thomson](#) a Senior Research Fellow with the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN) at the University of Central Lancashire, is undertaking an international study on peer support provision in a neonatal context. This study is focused on how peers are identified, recruited, trained and supported in their roles.

We invite our PPA members with Peer Mentor Programs to participate in this valuable research project. Please distribute the appropriate survey link to your directors and peer mentors. An information letter is found here: [Informational Letter](#)



[Survey for managers/coordinators/trainers of peer support](#)

[Survey for peer supporters](#)

## For your NICU Families

Contact Author & Premie Mom, Jenne Johns about this precious children's book for your next event.

PPA MEMBERS:  
Looking for the perfect gift  
for premie parents?  
♥♥♥♥♥  
Contact us for more details!



[hi@onceuponapremie.com](mailto:hi@onceuponapremie.com)

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**America's  
got Premies**



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**THE TINY MIRACLES  
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APRIL 29**

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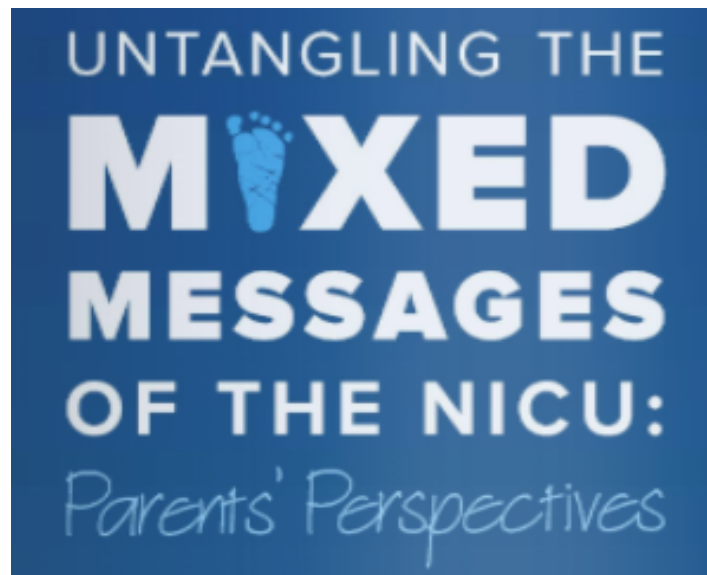
The Tiny Miracles Foundation is holding its 12th annual gala on April 29th in Westport, CT. Support will help enhance and enrich TTMF's many programs for preemies and parents in Fairfield County.

[Learn more](#)

## Mixed Messages

PreemieWorld, in collaboration with [Inspire.com](http://Inspire.com), created an ebook "Untangling the Mixed Messages of the NICU" based upon Deb Discenza's 2016 presentation at the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) conference in Vancouver.

[Download the book](#)



Members on the Move

PPA Members have coordinated, hosted, presented and participated in a number of national and international conferences recently. We LOVE seeing the active leadership of our members making a HUGE impact!



*PPA Members attended, presented & exhibited at the [National Perinatal Association's Annual Conference](#), including NICU Healing, The Tiny Miracles Foundation, Parent to Parent Univ of Utah Hospital, NICU Helping Hands & Hand to Hold*



*PPA Members Yamile Jackson, Jennifer Degl, Deb Discenza with Susan McCune from the FDA at the [International Neonatal Consortium Meeting](#).*

*Photo Credit: Wakako Ecklund*



1st ever NEC Symposium hosted by PPA Member [NEC Society](#). Families affected by NEC included in this photo: Stephanie Vaughan (The Morgan Leary Vaughan Fund), Christine Tester (Hand to Hold), Cristal Grogan (PPA/NICU Helping Hands).

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