

# **Uniting Families through Transportation Assistance**

Impacting the well-being of new mothers and their babies by enabling increased opportunities for breastfeeding and kangaroo care



### IS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

### WHY WE ARE NEEDED



The answer is **YES** if you are a mom or caregiver whose newborn is admitted in the **NICU/CVICU** at a partnering hospital.

To schedule transportation, simply call our office **48 hours** in advance. (*Please note that both pickup and return trips must be scheduled in advance*).



#### Other items to note:

- Referrals are accepted by hospital social workers
- Participants must be able to enter/exit the van independently
- Mothers must be 18 years or older
- Transportation is provided within the county
- Rider must be able to ride cooperatively with others

In addition, transportation is provided only for the parent, though other adult caregivers will be considered if space permits. However, we're unable to transport siblings during the pilot program. For many NICU parents, the financial burden of arranging transportation adds considerable stress to the many challenges they already face.

Our aim is to relieve this burden and allow families to spend more time in the NICU with their infants—reducing stress for both parents and babies, and ultimately changing health outcomes.



10-15% of babies born in the United States spend time in the NICU



66 miles is the average round trip for Miracle Babies families to see their baby in the NICU



2.5 more times per week is how many more times Miracle Babies families say they're able to visit their NICU babies



Over 10,000 NICU Families have been reached by Miracle Babies to date



Skin-to-skin contact for low-birthweight infants has been shown to reduce mortality, severe illness, infection, and length of hospital stay

## Want to get involved?

You can help provide a better start for new families! To find out more email | info@miraclebabies.com or give us a call at (858) 633-8540.