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We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for making our 2023 Annual Celebration of Life a huge success! It was a beautiful evening of wonderful company, delicious food, awesome entertainment, and educational, inspiring, heartfelt testimonies. The message about the gift and dignity of children with disabilities and the value of all life came through loud and clear.

Once again, our wonderful Master of Ceremony Matt Birk did a fantastic job! Matt and Adrianna have been such a blessing to our ministry for a long time and we are all so grateful to them for their continuing support and love. The tremendous musical talent of Luke Spehar was uplifting, fun, and wonderfully entertaining! What a joy it was to have Luke back with us again!

We owe a special thanks to the many volunteers, contributors, sponsors, friends and family and to Fathers Eilen, Juettner and Livingston for their continued support, love, and encouragement. Honestly, we could never do this without all of you! We love you all and thank everyone for their love and support!

To the families we have been privileged to help in any way, you are true heroes and we are so blessed to know you! Your witness to the gift of all life and the courage, strength, and love you possess is a message the world desperately needs to hear. It was such a privilege to have so many of our precious families with us at the banquet!

A grateful thanks to Laurie and Andrew Nelson for their beautiful testimony about 7-year-old Abby who has Trisomy 18, and to Dan and Gretchen Thibault for their wonderful testimony about adopting their beautiful children with Down syndrome. Abby and the other children and adults with special needs who were present added such joy and inspiration to the evening. Thank you parents for bringing them. I know that is not always easy!

Life is under attack as never before. We are so appreciative to Don Parker from MCCL and Maggee Hangge from the MN Catholic Conference for educating us about the recent bills that have been passed and their implications. We hold onto the hope that is Jesus, knowing love and life-affirming support is what families need!

We praise God who is the Author of all life, for the gift of all life! We thank Him and all of you for the gift of this ministry and for all your love and prayers. Because of this, we can continue to offer support, information, and encouragement to all we are blessed to help.

Wishing you abundant love, trust and hope in Jesus,

Mary Kellett

Family Spotlight

Mary Louise “Moya” McCabe was born on Tuesday August 16, 2022 in Seattle, an event that most in the medical field predicted would not occur. Our Trisomy journey began at our 20-week ultrasound, when the technician noticed heart and hand anomalies. A genetic counselor told us these findings were consistent with Trisomy, a syndrome that was incompatible with life, a lethal pregnancy. If Moya made it to and survived labor, she would likely die before her first birthday.

When blood tests indicated Trisomy 18, we were left with zero hope. So, we did what pretty much everyone would do, we Googled it. What we found was hope in the form of information, support, and families like us. We saw families with children of all ages and abilities and we saw a chance for our girl to be one of those children.

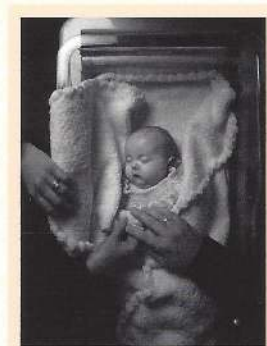
Prenatal Partners for Life was the first organization I reached out to for support to better understand our diagnosis and how to advocate for Moya’s life. Throughout the following months of appointments and ECG’s, Mary from Prenatal Partners for Life checked in with me, provided resources, and put me in touch with other moms of Trisomy superheroes. It changed everything. We were provided with tools and information to be strong advocates for Moya against stacked odds. It seemed like every time I felt like breaking down, something would arrive from one of the volunteers at Prenatal Partners for Life. It was generosity like we had never experienced before.

Moya reminded us that a life is a life, regardless of the circumstances, and every life should be treated equally. We never once saw her diagnosis as a disability. Our sole focus was to bring her into this world and advocate for the care she deserved. One of our favorite memories of Moya is a time when we were giving her a bath and she made an “ooh” sound which was so sweet and something she hadn’t done before. We were lucky enough to catch it on video and we will forever cherish it.

Moya graced this earth for 82 days. Every day was a fight to make sure she got the treatment she needed. As we were waiting to transfer to Children’s, she suddenly developed an infection. After two weeks in and out of intubation, her little lungs just couldn’t take it anymore. We were able to spend her last day with her, holding her without masks, wires, and machines. Moya made such an impact on so many people in such little time. She was too special for this earth.

There is nothing that can prepare you for the loss of a child. Or prepare your other children for a loss of a sibling they were never able to meet. If it weren’t for the support system around us, I’m not sure we would have made it. When it came time to decide what she would wear for her burial, we included a few of the hand-made gifts that were sent to us by Prenatal Partners for Life, including a lamb blanket, a bracelet, and a heart. There will forever be a connection between Moya and the families of Prenatal Partners for Life.

As we approach her first birthday, we want to celebrate the impact she made while on earth. Friends and family across the US will be planting wildflowers in her memory, and our family will be sending care packages in her honor to other Prenatal Partners for Life families like ours. It will be one way for her brothers to be connected to other babies like theirs and for us to thank all those volunteers who have sustained us with their generosity.



Our Mission

Prenatal Partners for Life is dedicated to providing families (either expecting or those who have had a child with special needs, health issues, or a life limiting condition) with the support, information, and encouragement they need to make informed decisions involving their child's care.

We believe that these children are unique gifts from God and have a special purpose in life that only they can fulfill. We believe that these children are made in God's image, and that He has a plan and a purpose for every life He creates, no matter how long or short that life may be. We believe that these precious children are a blessing to their families, their communities, and the world.

Our goal is to provide honest, practical information and support by linking expectant parents or new parents with other parents who have had the same or a similar diagnosis for their child. We also strive to educate the world about the unique blessings that these children are. We call them "Teachers of Our Souls."

The support we provide can be given in person, over the phone, by email, or in written correspondence and may include a variety of practical assistance that is based on each family's individual needs.

Thank you, dear supporters and benefactors, for allowing us to help take away the fear families often feel and replace it with loving, life-affirming support. With over 90% of babies being aborted who are diagnosed with special needs or other health issues, this support is needed more than ever. Prenatal Testing is now routinely done in most pregnancies. Oftentimes, abortion is offered as the solution when results are not normal. Your generosity over the last thirteen years has allowed Prenatal Partners for Life to help families in every state several times over and 51 countries. Please pray for us and know that you are in our prayers, too. May God bless you!

How you can support us:

- Pray for the families and children we serve, and for all of the wonderful volunteers and supporters who help us.

- **Online Donation**

Make a quick and easy online donation at: www.prenatalpartnersforlife.com

- **Mail in a Donation**

Our mailing address is: Prenatal Partners for Life, P.O. Box 2225 Maple Grove MN 55311. Use the enclosed envelope for your convenience.

- **Make a Memorial Donation**

We will send out our "Forever Remembered; Always in our Heart" card in honor of the deceased.

- **Make a Donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion.**

- **Use Amazon Smile and Donate**

Shop on Amazon Smile and choose Prenatal Partners for Life as your charitable organization. It's super easy and convenient.

- **Use Good Search as your search engine and Good Shop for your online shopping**

Prenatal Partners for Life will receive a portion of the proceeds: www.goodsearch.com

- **Donations through Workplace Giving Programs**

Does your workplace offer a chance to donate to a non-profit and perhaps offer a matching grant? We are a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Our legal name is Prenatal Partners for Life.

- **Planned Giving via Wills or Bequests**

Planned gifts are donations that are prepared in the present to be made in the future.

- **Corporate and Foundation Grants**

Please let us know if you are aware of any grant opportunities that would support our mission.



*Thank you for supporting
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