



The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Receives March of Dimes Grant to Improve Health of Mothers & Babies in Mercer County

Trenton - The March of Dimes New Jersey Chapter has once again awarded a grant to The Children's Home Society of New Jersey in support of the *Trenton Recurrent Pre-Term Project*. The project focuses on preventing premature labor and delivery by providing support throughout pregnancy to potentially high-risk mothers. The March of Dimes grant will enable CHS of NJ to help women at risk of delivering prematurely reach full-term pregnancy and deliver healthy babies. The award of this grant will allow funding for the Trenton Recurrent Pre-Term Project to continue through December 31, 2013. This grant is one of many that the March of Dimes awards in pursuit of its mission to prevent birth defects and infant mortality.

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHS of NJ) and Capital Health are longstanding partners in educating and providing resources to at-risk families in Trenton and its surrounding areas. These services have helped many mothers in our community to care for themselves and their babies throughout pregnancy, and enabled mothers to give their newborns the best possible start in life. Much of the agency's success can be credited to the cultural sensitivity and bilingual capabilities of their many programs; CHS of NJ brings information to community members in their preferred languages, and respects different cultural practices – an important asset for an organization focused on the needs of the diverse Trenton area population.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies.

For the CHS of NJ staff, this grant will enable them to continue in their mission; saving children's lives and building healthy families.