




Beth Israel Deaconess  
Medical Center

The Klarman Family NICU at BIDMC's  
20th Anniversary Reunion

# NICU Round Up

Kimball Farm  
Westford, MA  
Sept. 23, 2012



Twenty years ago the doors of our neonatal intensive care unit opened for the first time. Beth Israel Hospital- the birthplace of the cardiac defibrillator and primary nursing model- provided a unique, well-balanced framework for birthing a program that would offer care for the sickest, smallest, and most vulnerable of patients. The unit also gained advantage from a nationally renowned tradition of exceptional maternity care. Over the years the NICU has grown and developed- adding staff, beds, newer technologies, and innovative programs.

Over these formative years, we have had the incredible privilege to care for thousands of babies and families. Some of these connections might best be characterized as focused alliances. In other cases, deep intimate bonds have been fostered and maintained. However brief or sustained, we have gained knowledge from these experiences and have been enriched by our collaborations with you. As importantly, we have been moved by your incredible courage, determination, and spirit, and by the undeniable will of your children. These influences provide us with an essential foundation and inspiration as we look toward the next twenty years.

–The Admiring Staff of the *Klarman Family*  
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
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# Welcome to the Klarman Family NICU's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Kimball Farm is a family-owned venue packed with fun things for kids (and adults) of all ages! Your wristband allows you to freely roam the grounds, and gain free access to the bumper boats, mini-golf, driving range, and lawn games/volleyball.

You will also receive tokens for the batting cages and arcade! Also included is an unlimited ice-cream buffet, lemonade and fountain drinks. Additional food (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc) is available for purchase at the Kimball Farm Grille.

1:00 p.m. Reunion Begins!

Ongoing:	★ DJ Entertainment	★ Mini-Golf
	★ Lawn Games	★ Driving Range
	★ Bounce Houses	★ Bumper Boats
	★ Face Painting	★ Batting Cages
	★ Caricature Artist	★ Arcade
	★ “Quiet Tent”	★ NICU Slide Show
	★ Weigh Station	★ Scavenger Hunt

1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Buffet Opens

2:30 p.m. Welcome Remarks – Dr. DeWayne Pursley,  
Chief of Neonatology  
Remarks – Elyse Rubin, Reunion Chairperson

4:30 p.m. Ice Cream Buffet Closes


5:00 p.m. Reunion Ends



## NICU *Fun Facts*



Answer	Question
27,365	How many babies have received care in the NICU since it opened?
October 1, 1992	What was the opening date of the BIDMC NICU?
1,256,069	How many diaper changes have babies in the NICU required since it opened
234	What is the average number of feedings each day in the NICU?
163	How many sets of twins were born last year at BIDMC?
7	How many sets of triplets were born last year at BIDMC?
13 oz.	What did the smallest baby cared for in the NICU weigh?
12 pounds, 7 ounces	What did the largest baby cared for in the NICU weigh?
October 3, 1999	What was the date of the first BIDMC NICU reunion?
May 7, 2002	What was the opening date of the new NICU on the 9th floor?



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The Rubin Family

The Klarman Family

The Sweeney Family

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## NICU C.A.R.E.S. *for Families*

NICU C.A.R.E.S. for Families (Compassion, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy and Support) is a multi-faceted program created in 2005 to help humanize the experience for parents and families before, during, and after a baby's hospitalization. The program offers a wide variety of initiatives designed to instill confidence and support emotional, social, and educational needs. Some examples of how NICU C.A.R.E.S. for Families fosters a sense of hope and community for NICU families include:

Parent-to-Parent Mentoring

Coffee Hours and Monthly Dinners

Post-Discharge Mom's Groups

Cuddling Program

Memorial Service

Workshop Series

Lullabies for Little Ones

Parents on Rounds

Hall of Hope



For more information about NICU C.A.R.E.S. for Families, contact Kelly Fitzsimmons at 617/667-3247 or [kfitzsim@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:kfitzsim@bidmc.harvard.edu) or Jeanne McCarthy at 617/667-3287 or [jmmccart@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:jmmccart@bidmc.harvard.edu).

## *Giving Back ...*

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# NICU Autographs



Y'all come back now!

