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### **Hundreds of Local Citizens Will Be Marching for Babies on April 23rd. Here's Why.**

A baby's first steps are one of the most precious moments in life, and the March of Dimes believes every baby deserves a healthy first step. Take your own first steps by joining March for Babies and make sure more babies get that chance.

Premature birth is the #1 cause of death in newborns in the United States. Those who survive an early birth may have lifelong health problems such as cerebral palsy, vision and hearing loss, and learning disabilities. The March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit organization for maternal and infant health, has worked for more than 75 years to help babies get a healthy start in life. About 4 million babies were born in the United States last year, and the March of Dimes helped each and every one through research, vaccines, education, and breakthroughs.

March for Babies will be held at Maritime Park in downtown Pensacola on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's a family-friendly event where the community, corporate supporters and family teams come together to raise money to support research, services, education and advocacy in the fight against prematurity, birth defects and infant mortality.

Interested walkers and donors can visit [marchforbabies.org/event/pensacola](http://marchforbabies.org/event/pensacola) to sign up, start a team, or donate.

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