

## ?Join the Washington County March of Dimes this weekend

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Join the Washington County March for Babies and help save babies. As one of the March of Dimes biggest fund-raiser takes place on Sunday, October 12 with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. at the Salem Speedway.

The 2008 March for Babies Ambassador is Trevor Fields, son of David and Sarah Fields of Salem. When Trevor was born 10 weeks early on November 16, 2007 he weighed only one pound and 14 and a half ounces. To help his lungs work, Trevor needed surfactant therapy which the March of Dimes helped to develop. March for Babies supports research and programs to help prevent or treat premature birth, birth defects and other threats to infant health. Since its beginning in 1970, March for Babies has raised more than \$1.5 billion. It takes place in more than 1,100 communities across the country with nearly half a million walkers.

Co-chairs for the event are John Fultz and Charlene Richardson. Major sponsors include GKN Sinter Metals, National City Bank, First Harrison Bank and the Salem Lions Club.

You can register by visiting [MarchforBabies.org](http://MarchforBabies.org) or calling Kara Brown at 1-800-255-5857 or emailing [kbrown@marchofdimes.com](mailto:kbrown@marchofdimes.com)

### **About the March of Dimes**

Through March of Dimes March for Babies, residents of Washington County are working to help the March of Dimes help all babies be born full term and healthy. Each year, premature birth affects half a million babies in our country. The number of babies born prematurely each year has increased by 30 percent since 1983. Some of those babies die; others face lifelong disability. The money raised in March for Babies supports the research and programs to find out how to prevent premature births and to help families who experience it.

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 and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth.