



100,000 babies are about to change the world. Yours could be one of them.

Perspectives



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No one should suffer my burdens. Being a newbie mom is hard enough. But my husband and I have been financially and emotionally drained in attending to our child's multiple allergy (milk, wheat, soy, dog, oatmeal, dust, etc.), gas reflux, and severe eczema problems.

Few can imagine the additional work and cost of caring for a child with these severe problems. Although there are many theories as to why children are so vulnerable now, there is no clear consensus on how to prevent these problems.

I want our children to thrive in a world free from worry about what is safe to eat, drink, and breathe. What we cannot see is severely hurting us. It is paramount that we are proactive now in research efforts and prevention, rather than reactive with regret in the future. There is never any guarantee that a study will provide solutions but if there is something we can do, let's get the ball rolling. The National Children's Study gives me hope that one day we can be free of childhood epidemics. Right now, we are at their mercy.

WE'RE ON A ROLL.....

Exciting news! The Orange County Vanguard Center enrolled its first pregnant woman on May 16. She is the first Orange County participant in our study. We will follow her, her child, and their family until the child is 21 years old. She was identified during the door-to-door screenings that the NCS field staff have been conducting in the sampled neighborhoods (segments). The staff have been knocking on doors since our rollout in late April. So far, we have started the household screenings in Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Tustin, and Laguna Beach. Next month, we will start going door-to-door in Fullerton and Rancho Santa Margarita. As we begin household screenings in more segments, we continue to

step up outreach to the communities.

We'd like to thank all our partner agencies and volunteers. This month, we'd especially like to recognize Laguna Beach School Readiness Coordinator Julie Olsen and the Laguna Beach Unified School District. Thank you for all that you do for us!



The Anaheim East Neighborhood Advisory Committee shows off our new local brochure.

FAQ

What information will we receive if we are enrolled in the Study?

We will give you reports about some of the information we collect such as height, weight, and blood pressure. As we learn new things, we'll share them with you and your family. You will periodically receive general news and information about the Study and research findings from the local Study team. You will also receive information from periodic newsletters and the Study website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6 - Healthy Kid Fair in Huntington Beach sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley and the Huntington Beach City School District

June 7 - Third Annual Free Health Fair in Anaheim sponsored by the City of Anaheim, the Anekant Community Center and GBS Linens

June 12 - Raise Foundation 21st Annual Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Conference in Costa Mesa

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