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Dear (Name),

Awaiting the birth of your first child can be a time of anticipation, excitement and joy. Scott and Katherine Harrington were thrilled to be expecting their first child.

That joy was soon replaced with uncertainty and concern as Benjamin was born three months early after an emergency c-section. Weighing just less than two pounds, Scott's wedding ring fit on his arm.

As Katherine walked past the enormous babies on the maternity floor towards the Variety neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to see her son for the first time, she was overwhelmed with emotions. It had been three days since she had given birth. When she walked into his room—he was so tiny—connected to tubes and monitors. This was a new normal, for the next three months, Katherine and Scott spent 12 hours a day in his room watching him improve, grow stronger, breathe on his own and gain weight.

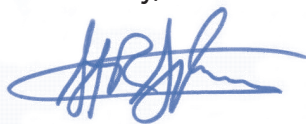
At Blank Children's Hospital, expert neonatologists and specially-trained nurses surrounded him with loving care and the latest advances for premature infants. Unfortunately, Benjamin experienced some of the complications common to preemies. The Harrington's appreciated the staff's upfront and factual approach to his care. The nurses were advocates for both Benjamin and his parents.

"The nurses spent a lot of time with us," said Katherine, "preparing us for the complications many preemies face – problems with the heart, brain, lungs and eyes. It was overwhelming, but I knew he was in the best place he could be. They were a tremendous resource."

Benjamin, now 16 months, continues to grow and meet all major milestones. One of the highlights for him is interacting with the other children using the Blank Children's Pediatric Therapy services.

So as the Harrington house is about to be turned upside down as Benjamin starts walking, won't you consider sending in your \$(XX), \$(XX), or even \$(XX), to ensure that we can continue to provide the best healing environment for our smallest patients?

Sincerely,



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