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got Preemies

featuring performances by
Mentalist **Oz Pearlman** and Singer/Songwriter **Jessica Allosery**

12th Annual TTMF GALA

Saturday, 29 April 2017 6:30pm – The Inn at Longshore Westport, CT

Preterm birth increases in the U.S. for the first time in eight years...

Seven states, including Connecticut received worse grades in 2016 than last year on the March of Dimes Premature Birth Card.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER!

Premature birth is the leading cause of death of babies in the U.S. Babies who do survive an early birth face serious and often lifelong health complications and developmental delays. Americans lead the world in medical research and care, yet the U.S. preterm birth rate still ranks near the bottom of high-resource nations. The March of Dimes reports 380,000 babies are born prematurely every year in the U.S. In the State of Connecticut in 2015, approximately 34,705 were live births and 3,192 of those were fragile premature babies.

Parents of premature babies are at risk of developing anxiety, PTSD or depression. Studies suggest that it affects as many as 70% of mothers. PTSD often presents itself after the acute phase of neonatal care. The support network of the hospital can disappear overnight. The Tiny Miracles Foundation Programs are designed to meet the social, emotional and financial needs of the family during and after the NICU.

Now in its second decade, The Tiny Miracles Foundation continues to expand and enrich its programs for the most vulnerable members of our community.

A few of TTMF's accomplishments include:

- ✓ Provision of more than \$1.5 million in compassionate support
- ✓ Thousands of hours of 1 on 1 volunteer mentoring
- ✓ Distribution of \$20K of welcome & homecare premie supply bags in 2016
- ✓ Provision of \$55K of Direct Emergency Financial Assistance to families in need in 2016
- ✓ Provision of \$5K of bereavement support to families who endured a loss in 2016
- ✓ Provision of \$15K to the resource rooms, education and nutrition programs in 2016

These services would not be possible without the generous support and contributions of businesses, families, and individuals.

Whether you were a premie, have a premie, love a premie or love someone who has a premie, *please* join us in helping these fragile infants to thrive.

JOIN US IN MAKING THE ANNUAL GALA A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Gala is Tiny Miracles largest fundraiser.

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- BECOME A VOLUNTEER/MENTOR
- MAKE A DONATION: MONETARY/IN-KIND
- CONNECT WITH TINY MIRACLES

January 2017

George Colabella, Executive Director
Marisela Esposito, President

The Tiny Miracles Foundation was established in 2004 and is the only organization of its kind, touching the lives of more than 1,200 preemies and their families *each* year. In partnership with Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport and Danbury Hospitals and St. Vincent's Medical Center, TTMF provides emotional support and one-on-one mentoring, important materials and supplies, support for bereaved families and extensive financial aid to economically distressed parents who are struggling to meet such critical necessities such as rent, food, heat and utilities that will ensure the preemies will have a safe and secure home. *All services, programs and materials are offered free of charge in Spanish and English.* TTMF is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) recognized as tax-exempt organization.

2017 12th ANNIVERSARY GALA

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