

## **Preemies Today Appoints Part-Time Executive Director**



**Springfield, VA (January 2009)** – Preemies Today is excited to announce that Mary Beth Hazelgrove has been named the first Executive Director of Preemies Today. Her appointment is effective Feb. 15, 2009.

Preemies Today established Ms. Hazelgrove's position through the support of a March of Dimes Community Grant.

**Mary Beth Hazelgrove** “Having a person who can devote a great deal of her time to managing and developing our existing programs is a great asset to the organization,” said Elaine Noto, Chairman of the Board of Preemies Today. Ms. Noto noted that Preemies Today has at this point many opportunities to continue its pursuit of outreach to pregnant women that are at high-risk for delivering prematurely and to expand programs and support in other areas such as Maryland. “Ms. Hazelgrove will have a major influence in the continued growth of Preemies Today and we welcome her to this new position with enthusiasm.”

As Executive Director, Mary Beth Hazelgrove assumes operational leadership of Preemies Today. Her responsibilities will include: coordinating of current programs, meeting with NICU staffs and determining how Preemies Today can help given available resources, offering lectures and discussions, recruiting and coordinating volunteer efforts, and continuing and expanding our presence in the community. She will also collaborate with various non-profit agencies, both locally and nationally, geared toward improving outcomes for children born prematurely.

"I am honored to accept this position and I embrace the challenge," said Mary Beth Hazelgrove.

Ms. Hazelgrove earned her B.A. in History from the University of Mary Washington. She also holds a license to teach elementary education from the state of Virginia and has taught in Fairfax County Public Schools. Prior to teaching, Ms. Hazelgrove was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Eastern Europe. During her three years in the Peace Corps, she taught in a small village school and participated in local community and grass roots development projects.

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