Newborn care at Holy Cross Health is designed to meet each baby’s needs. Most babies are born without serious complications or medical issues and are cared for in a neonatal nursery, staffed by health care professionals who are experts in the care of infants. When more intensive care and support are needed, Holy Cross Health offers sophisticated and specialized treatment in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Holy Cross Hospital. This 46-bed unit is a Level III NICU, offering a very high degree of complex, quality care and access to a wide range of pediatric specialists for critically ill newborns. The NICU features state-of-the-art technology to treat babies who are born early or have medical complications that require constant observation or specialized care. Holy Cross Hospital has the largest Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Maryland, and cares for more critically ill newborns than any other NICU in the state.

Holy Cross Hospital's Tiny Baby Program

The Holy Cross Hospital NICU has always excelled in caring for the smallest, most fragile infants and their families. Still, all extremely premature infants remain at risk for the many complications of prematurity including poor growth, neurodevelopmental delays, and chronic health problems. Current research shows that further improvements in infant and family health are possible when a specialized program of care is developed for the smallest premature infants. Through highly coordinated, interdisciplinary team-based care, evidence-based education and professional development, and continuous quality improvement, Holy Cross Hospital is creating a more advanced environment for our lowest birth weight babies to thrive.

THE RYAN DONALD BASILE MEMORIAL FUND FOR NICU FAMILIES IN NEED

At Holy Cross Hospital, we have always believed in providing more than just medical care to our patients and their families. A newborn baby’s admission to the NICU can be very stressful for the baby’s family, especially if the hospitalization is lengthy. Our NICU staff prides itself on being an extended family by providing each baby’s family with support and encouragement. Our most financially vulnerable families, however, have needs that extend beyond emotional support, both while their babies are in the NICU and when they prepare to bring them home.

The Ryan Donald Basile Memorial Fund for NICU Families in Need has been established to meet these needs. The Fund honors the memory of the son of one of the NICU’s longest serving medical providers. Ryan, who tragically passed away on March 29, 2020 at the age of 25, was the son of Susan Basile, a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner who has cared for babies and their families at Holy Cross for more than 30 years. Susan’s medical skills and dedication to her patients and their families are exceptional. Establishing this Fund in her son’s memory is a fitting tribute to her many contributions to the well-being of NICU families over the years.

The Fund will be used to provide financial support to families in need of food, housing, childcare, and transportation while their infants are in the NICU. The Fund will also provide items such as formula, bottles, clothing, and car seats that are needed to prepare for their babies’ arrival home.

We hope you will join us in supporting the Ryan Donald Basile Memorial Fund for NICU Families in Need. Your donation will help financially vulnerable families navigate the fiscal challenges of an extended NICU hospitalization and enable them to prepare for their babies’ care after discharge.

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