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NBDPN 2020 Annual Meeting

We can't wait to see you in Arlington, Virginia! There will be lots of activity outside of the excellent scientific and technical sessions. We've been planning committee meetings, a poster reception, social event, silent auction, and more. [NBDPN Annual Meeting](#) information can be found on our [website](#).

Whether you will be there in person, or holding down the fort for your program colleagues, show your support for NBDPN by joining the **TOTE BAG CHALLENGE**. This year's silent auction will feature some friendly competition. Individuals and groups are invited to bring a tote bag full of goodies to be auctioned off at the event. The tote that goes for the highest amount is the winner. All proceeds benefit NBDPN.

Monuments by Moonlight is this year's social event. Described as "an enchanted evening in the nation's capital" this bus tour is a great way to take in the sights and meet your colleagues from other states. Spots are going fast. [Register Now!](#)

Best for You. Best for Baby.

January was designated [National Birth Defects Prevention Month](#) by President Reagan and first celebrated in 1982. During January 2020, NBDPN members and partner organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, March of Dimes, MotherToBaby, and the Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention, and many more, amplified preconception health messages using resources from the [Digital Toolkit](#) and held additional activities for public health professionals, clinicians, and the public.

Some highlights:

- a record number of visits to the NBDPN website to find resources and information;
- the bilingual #Best4YouBest4Baby twitter chat hosted by March of Dimes; and
- the MotherToBaby [5 Tips: Birth Defects Prevention podcast](#).

Thanks to all the members and partners who work toward birth defects awareness and prevention in January and throughout the year!

Acknowledgements

NBDPN gratefully acknowledges the recent donation by Michael Peters. All donations benefit the NBDPN in our pursuit of the following goals:

- Improve access and application of information about the prevalence and trends of birth defects
- Increase collaboration between members within the birth defects community
- Advance science through birth defects surveillance and its application to public health efforts and resource allocation

Partners Corner

#WorldBDDay is March 3rd

For [World Birth Defects Day 2020](#), all supporters are being called to share why we care about birth defects. Join the I Care campaign. It's easy! Download the sign, fill it in, post a picture. Be sure to add #WorldBDDay and #ManyBirthDefects1Voice to the post. Find the [I CARE campaign](#) and World Birth Defects Day Toolkit [here](#).

Texas Birth Defects Monitor

The [Texas Birth Defects Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch](#) has published its annual supplemental data and research update. The December 2019 issue of [The Monitor](#) includes updates on family outreach activities addressing NTD recurrence, linking families to health and social services, and a recent analysis of newborn screening analytes and childhood autism.

CONNECTIONS

Now is a great time to check your contact information and committee interests and make any updates. Under "My Membership Information," click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info." If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN newsletter, email us at NBDPN@nbdpn.org.

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