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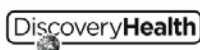
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***The Mission of the March of Dimes***  
is to improve the health of babies  
by preventing birth defects, premature birth  
and infant mortality.

We pursue this mission through programs  
of research, community service, education,  
and advocacy.

The funds raised by groups like the Corps of Cadets and others have helped March of Dimes funded researchers see such medical advances as. . .

- 1) Development of the polio vaccine (1950's),
- 2) First successful bone marrow transplant to treat a birth defect performed (1960's),
- 3) Establishment of a regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit network to care for critically sick babies & first prenatal diagnosis of sickle cell anemia (1970's),
- 4) First successful surgery performed to repair a diaphragmatic hernia while baby is still in the womb & research which lead to the use of surfactant to save premature babies from death and disability (1980's),
- 5) Studies showed that folic acid helped prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord and March of Dimes launched national education and advocacy campaign to increase the amount of folic acid in women's diets. New studies show this has resulted in a decrease in the incidence of brain and spinal cord defects (1990's),
- 6) Successful treatment of one type of hemophilia in mice in one of the first examples of a complete cure of a genetic disease through gene therapy & of retinitis pigmentosa (RP) bringing hope for a cure for this genetic defect which causes blindness in humans (2000's).

## **March to the Brazos 2007-2008 Fact Sheet**

- WHO:** Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets
- WHAT:** March to the Brazos; usually held the last Saturday in April
- WHERE:** College Station, Texas  
March of Dimes Texas Chapter; Bryan/College Station Division
- WHEN:** MTTB has been held annually since 1977. The cadets march from campus to the ASTREC Beef Center near Brazos River—a 14 mile round trip. After the first leg of the march, cadets participate in various competitions, eat lunch, and un-officially transfer ranks for the following school year.
- WHY:** On April 1, 1908 the cadets of Texas A&M College decided to go out on strike and not attend classes. This action, along with other April Fool's Day pranks, was becoming a little too regular occurrence for the Commandant.

The next year the Commandant issued General Order No. 27 and began what became to be know as the "Hike to the Brazos" and eventually the "March to the Brazos." MTTB originated in 1909 and was held on March 31-April 1 to keep the cadets from playing April Fools jokes on each other and their professors. My research indicates that it was held annually as a corps-wide event until 1912. I still have more research to do to establish exactly how long the marches occurred and how many outfits participated in them.

MTTB was revived in 1977 when cadet leadership saw the natural tie between March to the Brazos and the March of Dimes. This special partnership was seen as a way to build Corps spirit & unity and also benefit a very worthwhile charity.

Each school year the Corps raises money through Fill-the-Boot (senior cadet boot) collections at local businesses, and donations from friends and family members (locally and in their hometowns). Additional efforts include doing a mailout to cadet referrals, involving former students, and engaging corporate sponsors.

During the 31 years from 1976-1977 to 2007 the Corps has raised over \$1,855,000 for the March of Dimes, whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. In 2007, cadets raised just over \$155,000.00!!!

## ***A History of Love and Results***

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President Franklin Roosevelt established the March of Dimes in 1938 to save America's youth from polio. His premise was that people can solve any problem if they work together. He created a partnership of volunteers and researchers. And within 17 years, the Salk vaccine had been developed and polio was on the run.

That dynamic partnership has endured and continues to fuel March of Dimes successes. With the help and support of the American people, the March of Dimes has saved the lives of millions of babies over the past 69 years. We won't stop until we reach the day when every baby is born healthy.

Today, the fight to save babies continues. March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers, and advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birthweight.

- **Premature Birth**  
Each year, almost 500,000 babies are born too soon, some so small they can fit in the palm of a hand. Many of these babies must fight just to survive; others must struggle with lifelong health problems. The reasons for over half of premature birth remain undiscovered. No one is working harder than the March of Dimes to find out why premature birth occurs or how to prevent it or how to survive it.
- **Genetic Research**  
Genetic birth defects leave our children unable to walk, to hear, to think, or even to fight off disease. March of Dimes investments in genetic research are already yielding results. Two March of Dimes-funded grantees have used gene therapy successfully in treating hemophilia and retinitis pigmentosa in the lab, giving hope that we are closer to a cure for these genetic birth defects.
- **Parent Education**  
The March of Dimes helps pregnant women know what to worry about and what not to worry about when it comes to having a healthy baby. A wide variety of free brochures and booklets along with our annual magazine, *mama*, are available. These are full of practical and fun information for parents-to-be.
- **Health Care**  
No parents should have to choose between feeding their child and buying necessary medicines. Yet today, more than 11 million children are uninsured. For many of these children, this means they can't get preventive checkups, immunizations, or treatments for common childhood illnesses. The March of Dimes is fighting so that all babies, children and women can purchase low cost health insurance.

## ***Why should you raise money for the March to the Brazos?***

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Why? Because heroes do such things to help others. What, you say? You don't see yourself as a hero? Well, thousands of babies and their families do!

In the past 31 years, MTTB has raised almost \$1,855,000 for the March of Dimes efforts to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Birth defects leave our children unable to walk. . .to hear. . .to think. . .even to fight off disease. Premature birth can cause blindness, developmental disability, even death. But the March of Dimes and the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets are fighting back!

\*\*\*Gene therapy is the newest weapon in the fight to save babies. March of Dimes funded scientists are finding ways to use healthy genes to cure birth defects.

\*\*\*A major new study of premature birth aims to find out why it happens and how it can be stopped.

\*\*\*The B vitamin folic acid has been shown to help prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord. The March of Dimes is working to share this lifesaving message with every woman in America. Taking a daily multi-vitamin which includes 400 mcg of folic acid is good for guys as well. Studies are showing that folic acid may help to reduce the occurrence of colo-rectal cancer.

\*\*\*There are over 11,000,000 children in the United States not covered by health insurance. Can you imagine being a parent who has to choose between taking a sick child to the doctor and having food for the week? The March of Dimes has successfully lobbied for a national health insurance plan making coverage available for most of these children.

**The money you raise goes to programs like these that benefit literally millions of children!** But these are just numbers. Let's personalize your efforts.



**Emmalee & mom**

Little Emmalee, who lives right here in the B/CS area, was born at 27 weeks of gestation (full term is 40 weeks). She weighed only 1 lb 10.9 ozs (normal weight is 6 to 8 pounds) and was only 12.5 inches long (normal length 19-22 inches). March of Dimes funding helped make available the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and surfactant therapy that saved her life. Today, she is a rambunctious and **HEALTHY** 4 year old!

Today, one of every eight babies born will come too soon or be too small and have to fight to survive.



**Emmalee & a pencil**

In the 1950's only 25% of these babies survived; today, over 90% survive! These are the miracles that your efforts are bringing to fruition. And, what you do today could very well lead to some discovery that will touch your family in the future.

## ***The Mission***

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. We accomplish our mission by funding research, community services, education, and advocacy that saves babies.

## ***Our Theme***

In our logo and in communications, we say, "The March of Dimes—Saving Babies, Together."



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# March to the Brazos

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September 11, 2007

Dear Friend,

These young men and women are members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. They are raising funds for the March of Dimes, a major national charity that was started in 1938 by then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The March of Dimes is steadfastly dedicated to improving the health of babies through our efforts in community service, advocacy, research, and education.

The Corps of Cadets have been raising funds for the March of Dimes since 1977 through a very special event called “March to the Brazos.” In the past 31 years, generous individuals like you have helped raise over \$1,855,000!!!

I want to ask you to be as generous as you can be in supporting the Cadets’ efforts. Their goal for MTTB 2008 is to raise over \$150,000. Your contribution will significantly help them reach toward their goal.

Thank you for supporting the March of Dimes and the March to the Brazos!

Saving babies, together

Joyce Husted  
Division Director  
March of Dimes

## *Money collection and recording*

### For Outfit Reps--

1. I need a master list of names of all the cadets in your outfit who will be participating in March to the Brazos. Please give me their proper names, first and last. I cannot use the first names of "Fish," "Pisshead," etc. The March of Dimes national sponsors pay back an additional \$2.00 to \$3.00 for each cadet who raises money. Therefore, it "pays" to get **everyone** to do something that generates a little money.
2. All outfit reps will receive Cadet Collection Record Sheets for each cadet in the outfit.
3. Make sure that each cadet in your outfit has (2) 8.5 x 11 inch Cadet Contribution Record masters. Cadets can cut these in half providing them with four record sheets. If cadets need additional record sheets, they can go to the Corps website and download a copy.
4. Have cadets turn in their money and a COMPLETED cadet collection record sheet to you. Ask them if they have counted their money twice and that they are sure that the total equals that on the collection record sheet.
5. Write down the cadet's name and total on your Outfit Collection Record Sheet and keep money in a secure place. You can download additional Outfit Collection Record Sheets from the Corps website.
6. Complete the Outfit Deposit Tabulation Sheet and prepare your bank deposit. The SOFC has a change counter, if needed. University policy states that student organizations must deposit all money collected for the organization within 24 hours of collecting it.
7. Deposit all money in your outfit SOFC account and designate it for March to the Brazos. After your outfit deposits are made, staple the copy of the deposit slip to the completed Outfit Collection Record Sheet and deliver to Zachary Whitehurst. I would urge you to keep copies for your outfit records.
8. I would also encourage you to keep a list of cadets' names with a running total of the amounts they have turned in to you. This will help us when time comes to distribute incentives and bonuses and outfit awards.
9. Thanks again for all your hard work on this!



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### **TAX RECEIPTS**

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Tax receipts are to be given out sparingly. Generally speaking, we do not give out tax receipts for gifts of less than \$50.00, nor do we give them out unless requested.

So, here are the basic guidelines:

- 1) Do not offer to give out tax receipts.
- 2) If the donor insists on a receipt, take down the name, mailing address and amount of donation.
- 3) Email this information to me at [jhusted@marchofdimes.com](mailto:jhusted@marchofdimes.com), and I will send out a tax receipt.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joyce Husted'.

Joyce Husted  
Division Director  
March of Dimes – B/CS

## Cadet MTTB Collection Record Sheet

Cadet Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Outfit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you raise money in a group (i.e., car wash, fill the boot, etc.), divide the money equally among the participants. On this form write the activity name and the amount of your portion of the funds. For individual contributions, write down the name of the donor and the amount of the donation.

If the person does not want to give his/her name, write "anonymous."

**If a person wishes a tax receipt, be sure to write down their mailing address.**

<<Name of activity or person>>      <<Amount of gift>>

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sheet Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Outfit MTTB Collection Record Sheet

## Outfit Deposit Tabulation Sheet

MTTB Rep Name: (First \_\_\_\_\_) (Last \_\_\_\_\_)

Outfit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<<Cadet's Name (first + last)>>      <<Total from Cadet>>

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15. \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Outfit Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination X # of items = line total

Checks:

\$100	X	_____	=	_____
\$50	X	_____	=	_____
\$25	X	_____	=	_____
\$20	X	_____	=	_____
\$10	X	_____	=	_____
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Cash:

\$100	X	_____	=	_____
\$50	X	_____	=	_____
\$20	X	_____	=	_____
\$10	X	_____	=	_____
\$5	X	_____	=	_____
\$1	X	_____	=	_____
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Coin:

\$1.00	X	_____	=	_____
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