

Sue T., Ruth, MI

My nine-year-old daughter was born with Pierre Robin Syndrome, Amniotic Band Syndrome, and other anomalies, including missing her lower jaw and she is a triple amputee. We had just changed craniofacial doctors and while looking for information, I found MiCleft. I sent an email and received a response immediately! A phone call from MiCleft the same day was so reassuring. I was offered a wealth of information and resources, encouragement and hope, and they had answers to many of my unanswered questions. I now have a better feeling of trust in my decision, and about who will be taking care of my daughter...Thank you!

Rhonda, Livonia, MI

My daughter was born with a cleft lip and palate, and Asperger's Syndrome. No one understands like MiCleft. This network is phenomenal!

Crystal B., Howard City, MI

There are all sorts of advertisements online these days. Every time I sign onto the internet I see plastic surgeons and children with facial differences in other countries. What I like about MiCleft is that most people are from Michigan and they're just like me.

Janeen S., Orrville, OH

After delivering a child with facial differences, I was so thrilled to find a place like MiCleft existed. I have met some absolutely amazing people who have become life-long friends of mine. We share a common bond, we know what it feels like to be faced with decisions that not all parents do, and we are never, ever, alone in our journey. I am so grateful for my MiCleft family!

Maria B., Lansing, MI

When I found out at 17 weeks, that Thai would have a cleft, I went online and did research but it didn't compare to talking to an actual person and a whole network of "friends" who can all go thru it together. Thank you MiCleft!

Susan R., Monroe, MI

My angel helped me from the moment I met her at clinic. I was having a problem feeding my newborn and she offered assistance. She gave me wonderful ideas, is eager to help, and always makes time for me on the phone.

Doug & Pam, Kalamazoo, MI

We didn't know that our son would be born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate. It's so nice to have a group of people to talk to and soothe our nerves. MiCleft has made a difference in our lives!



Founded by Teresa Croughen.

Inspired by her youngest son, Johnny, born with multiple clefts and other conditions.

www.MiCleft.org

We're at Facebook too!

Local: (313) 590-6000

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Michigan Cleft Network, Inc.

When Michigan families need resources and understanding...

Where having facial differences make you very special...

www.MiCleft.org

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Information you need...

Descriptions, answers for the new parent, medical journal articles, related syndromes, feeding options, speech therapy, childcare, surgical procedures, homecare, self-confidence and social issues, finding the right surgical team, insurance coverage, accepting help, coping with the news, informing others, caring for a post-operative child and much more!

Resources and Links

Local and state programs, national craniofacial organizations, feeding and medical supplies, family assistance, surgical team listing, mental health, food/clothing and philanthropy, and other related websites.

MiCleft Angel Program

"No one knows how I feel." "Why did this happen to my baby?" "I just wish someone would give me real answers." A peer counseling system designed to match you with a member who has gone through similar situations. You choose the amount and type of support - whether by phone or email, feeding tips, post surgical assistance, or maybe you'd like a maternity, hospital, or an in-home visit. You don't have to feel alone!

Enjoy FREE Membership in the MiCleft Community

Get the best of all worlds by joining our members-only on-line social network! The greatest support comes from folks that truly understand. Interact with other families and have access to an unlimited amount of resources in our privacy-secure environment. Great features extend our offline activities and friendships online.

Get yours today!

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User profile	Discussion forums
Friends list	Private messaging
Group E-mail	Event calendars
Blog/Journal	Share photos/video
Online support	IM/Live Chat
Files download	And more!

Gallery of Smiles

View a sample of our member-only gallery at our main website. Browse profiles, read stories and view before and after photos!

Sure-to-Smile Sponsorship

An exclusive MiCleft program that awards affected children with medical/surgical coverage through MDCH/CSHCS (Children's Special Health Care Services).

Michigan's only Pathfinder Partner Organization
IRS 501(c)(3) - EIN 80-0151508

Educating the public...

Brochures and literature; diversity training; hosting charitable events; community festivity participation; providing information sessions at medical facilities, churches, public schools, and private locations – increasing public awareness!

Staying ahead...

Interpretation of Universal Health and its impact on children of special needs, updates on legislative matters and Michigan's health care system.

If that's not enough reason...

Featured editorials on MiCleft families
RSS Feeds from national organizations
Layette Pack and Adoption Group
Send-A-Smile (greeting card) Mission
Customized Craniofacial Dolls
Playdates and Group Activities

Dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals and families affected by cleft lip and palate; and other craniofacial differences.

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