

**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](http://www.MiCleft.org)**

**We're at Facebook too!**

**Local: (313) 590-6000**

**Toll Free: (888) MI-CLEFT**



**MiCleft**

Michigan Cleft Network, Inc.

**When Michigan families need resources and understanding...**

**Where having facial differences make you very special...**

**[www.MiCleft.org](http://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!

#### **[www.MiCleft.org](http://www.MiCleft.org)**

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  
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### **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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