

**Sue T., Ruth, MI**

My nine-year-old daughter was born with Pierre Robin Syndrome, Amniotic Band Syndrome, and birth 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! Teresa's son is also a patient of the same physicians that are now seeing my daughter. Teresa offered a wealth of information, resources, encouragement and hope and 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!

**Michele B., London, KY**

My grandson, who lives in Michigan, was born with a cleft lip and palate. I'm a nurse, so you can imagine how I felt when I couldn't answer my daughter's questions. I visited many web sites, but none compared to MiCleft! The experienced parents of this network have made such a difference in my family's life. I'm miles away, but I no longer feel out of the loop. Even my co-workers feel secure when telling new parents of babies with clefts about MiCleft. We know that mom and baby will be in great hands!

**Carla, Brighton, MI**

My adult son was born with a cleft lip and palate. Life would have been so much easier had MiCleft been available. This network is phenomenal!

**Susan R., Monroe, MI**

My Angel helped me from the moment I met her at clinic. She saw that I was having a problem feeding my newborn son and offered assistance. She gave me wonderful ideas and even sent me home with a different nipple to use. My son has been using the suggested nipples for five months! My Angel 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. We wish we had known about MiCleft when he was born, it would have made those first months easier. 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.

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Pathfinder Partner Organization

### **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).

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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  
Expectant Parent and Adoption Group  
Blanket Dedication Program  
Customized Craniofacial Dolls  
Playdates and Group Activities

**Dedicated to enriching the lives  
of Michigan individuals born  
with craniofacial differences;  
and their families.**

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