

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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Information you need...

Descriptions, new parent answers, 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, craniofacial organizations, feeding and medical supplies, family assistance, surgical team listing, child alliance, mental health, food/clothing and philanthropy, related websites, and much more!

MiCleft Angel Program

"No one knows how we feel." "Why did this happen to us?" "I wish someone would give me real answers." A peer program designed to match you with a member who has gone through similar situations. Support by phone and email, feeding assistance, post surgical tips, or maybe you'd like maternity, hospital or an in-home visit. You don't have to feel alone!

Gallery of Smiles

Enjoy a segment of our member gallery. Browse profiles, read stories and view before and after photos!

Advocacy Efforts

Providing information sessions, mentor and diversity training, distributing literature, and educating the general public.

Orofacial News and Events

Featured editorials on MiCleft families, press releases, national event coverage, and legislative matters involving civil rights and Michigan's health care system.

MiCleft Chatroom

Our chat area is available 24 hours, seven days a week. Meet friends for private conversation or participate in scheduled weekly chats that cover a range of topics.

Web Ring and Personal Pages

Join the web ring of families enjoying their MiCleft web space. Your page enables you to share your journey with chosen friends and family. They'll enjoy reading updates, viewing your photos and signing your guest book!

*MiCleft services are provided free of charge.

Members-Only Platform

We offer adult and youth memberships in a sustainable, privacy-secure environment. Participants can connect through customized profiles and are welcome to enjoy mail messaging, discussion forums, interactive calendars, photo/video upload, journalizing, exclusive Gallery of Smiles, classifieds, subgroups catering to specific common interests, holiday celebrations, team projects, attend network events and playgroups, and use lots of other great features to extend our offline activities and relationships online.

If that's not enough reason...

Medical/Financial Assistance
Program for adopting children w/clefts
Organization Newsletter
Electronic Media and Book Library
Expectant Parents and Layette Packs
Blanket Dedication Program
Customized Craniofacial Dolls

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Michigan individuals born with
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and their families.**

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