

An Ironman Challenge For NICU

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



2.4 Miles
(Swimming)



112 Miles
(Biking)



26.2 Mile
(Running)



\$36,000
Giraffe Unit
For NICU



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Hello my name is Geo Villegas and I will be raising money for the NICU at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center located in Worcester, MA. I will be racing in several triathlon events in 2010 ending with a full distance race of **2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run** in Louisville, Kentucky on August 29, 2010. My goal is to raise \$36,000.00 for a Giraffe Unit.

Consider a premature infant, a baby girl in the NICU. Her skin is like tissue paper. She cannot control her body heat and burns calories and loses weight simply from crying. She will be with the unit for months, and she needs countless procedures: X-rays, IVs, frequent handling and movement, all requiring transfer to different places. This is incredibly stressful to her and to any premature, ill infant. Her ability to heal is compromised.

The Giraffe Unit is not just a bed; it is a full featured neonatal care station. It has a rotating, extra large mattress (for larger babies or even twins), an X-ray cassette tray, internal bed tilt, and an integrated in-bed scale. A warming drawer keeps diapers and blankets warm, the rail system provides mounting for IV poles, pumps, shelves and other accessories, and the elevating base accommodates taller caregivers or special procedures. Controlled humidifier, oxygen systems and temperature controls maintain precise, optimum conditions. Alarm noises and lights are designed so as not to disturb the baby.

The Giraffe Bed creates a therapeutic environment for family members, too. They can hold their baby and touch her through the portholes (health permitting), and because of dual side access ports, they don't have to leave when the doctors and nurses are there caring for their infant.

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Thank you in advance for all support and donations to reach the goal of donating the Giraffe Unit to the NICU in August 2010.

