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Kootenai receives March of Dimes grant

Kootenai Health was recently awarded the March of Dimes Idaho chapter grant. This \$10,000 community grant will benefit women's and children's services at Kootenai.

Kootenai's use of the funds will help meet the March of Dimes' mission of saving babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

"We are excited to have this opportunity to build stronger relationships between care providers in the community and those in the hospital setting," said Lori Schneider, director of women's and children's services at Kootenai Health. "Our birthing center nurses plan to develop strategies that will reduce risks to babies before they are born."

The funds will be used to promote collaboration between regional providers and also provide education important to infant health. This includes educational initiatives on drug, alcohol and mental health screenings, as well as breastfeeding.

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