

December 2019

Dear Members of the NFI,

In the United States, we have just celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. This is a time of celebration, family and friends, and gratitude. In the demanding lives that we lead, I find comfort in appreciating what I am grateful for ... and within the NFI, these things include - babies and their families and hospital staff touched and that I am touched by, one another, our NIDCAP model, our potential to extend our reach and develop our approach, and so much more. With tremendous heartfelt gratitude for the support I experience from all of you and extending wishes of fulfillment, pride and joy to all of our NIDCAP community.



Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge (Boston, MA USA)

Lit on behalf of the [NFI](#) in purple in honor of the [2019 World Prematurity Day](#)

[World Prematurity Day \(WPD\)](#) was celebrated throughout the world last month on November 17th.

Members of the NFI paid tribute to newborns and their families, nursery staff and hospitals around the world who provide vital NIDCAP care throughout the year. Please continue to share with us your images and stories from your WPD activities and celebrations to shareyourstory@nidcap.org and to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) sites.

Fundraising for the NFI: Consider using [AMAZON Smile](#) when you make purchases on Amazon - search for **Nidcap Federation International, Inc.** and select it as your charitable organization. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop on Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice, which in our case is the NFI.

Upcoming NFI Events

#GIVING
TUESDAY

December 3, 2019

Giving Tuesday is the global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

We invite you to reach out through our social media platforms and your own personal communications to ask friends and connections to donate to the NFI (<https://nidcap.org/en/about-us/nfi-donation-form/>). Donations will further the NFI's worldwide outreach, education, and certification of health care professionals and newborn intensive care nurseries in the NIDCAP approach to care.



December 4, 2019

Dr. Heidelise Als will be the featured speaker at the upcoming [2019 NANT Virtual Summit](#) presented by the National Association of Neonatal Therapists. This event is on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:00-3:00PM EDT. The event is free and CE credit will be offered for OT, PT, SLP, and Nursing.

Please [click here](#) or on the image below for more details about the summit and for instructions on how to register for this complimentary event.

We hope you are all able to attend to hear Dr. Als' presentation *The Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP) – Promise to Protect the Preterm Brain*, and also to participate in the question and answer session that will follow the presentation.

DECEMBER 16, 2019

Plans for **World NIDCAP Day** in March 2020 are underway. We are planning to create a poster of NIDCAP care from around the world similar to the ones we have made for past World Prematurity Day celebrations. Please consider sharing NIDCAP care from your hospital and send your photos for inclusion in our NFI poster by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. You must have permission for the photograph(s) you send to be shared on our website, social media, newsletter and related NFI educational sites and **ONLY** use our NIDCAP email address to shareyourstory@nidcap.org. Please use the attached photo release to obtain permission. We are so very appreciative for families to share their images and experiences and we must ensure their privacy.

**NIDCAP CARE PHOTOS
DUE NOW**

**For Our NFI WORLD NIDCAP DAY
POSTER**



March 20, 2020

The second annual WORLD NIDCAP DAY will be celebrated on March 20th and throughout the month. Please visit our [website](#) for information about the day, a toolkit and ways to celebrate. Ideas to get you started for planning your own celebrations: approach

Please check the NFI's [World NIDCAP Day](#) webpage for updates over the coming months.

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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