

H.A. Thompson & Sons, Inc., Principals' Donation Helps Expand NICU at Minneapolis Hospital

More newborn babies in need of intensive care in Bismarck will be able to receive the services they need, after a donation from Mark and Claudia Thompson, principals of [H.A. Thompson & Sons, Inc.](#)

The couple made a \$500,000 donation to Sanford Health in Bismarck for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Thompsons' donation was matched through an endowment campaign, which provided the healthcare system \$1 million to double the size of its NICU and bring in new equipment.

In the article, "[Sanford to Expand Services for Premature Babies](#)" in the [Bismarck Tribune](#), Mark and Claudia Thompson explained their daughter gave birth to a boy and a girl prematurely at the hospital. The boy died two days after birth, and doctors gave the girl a very slim chance at survival. The family spent 117 days in the hospital's NICU, but was still told she may never walk, talk or see, and may face other complications.

Thanks to the hospital's care, the girl recovered and is a healthy sixth grade student.

"We were (in the NICU) for much of that three months, and you know, this is a part of us giving back for the care that she got," Claudia told the Bismarck Tribune. "We kind of took it as a sign that we're meant to do something."

The couple remains committed to enhancing Bismarck's medical care through donations, and are also involved in fundraising for Amber's Dream campaign, which also raised money to renovate Sanford's Children's Hospital, according to the Bismarck Tribune.

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Claudia and Mark Thompson, pictured above, made a \$500,000 donation to help expand the Sanford Health's NICU in Bismarck.

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