

**OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST KERRI STRUG TEAMS UP WITH YOUTH
'CHAMPIONS' FOR A SPECIAL DELIVERY TO ATLANTA MEDICAL CENTER**

March of Dimes youth volunteers were honored to host Gold Medalist Kerri Strug when she returned to Atlanta, site of the 1996 Summer games, on a special mission to deliver new baby clothes donated for families at the Special Care Nursery at Atlanta Medical Center – a place where many of the tiniest, most fragile babies fight to survive.

Ms. Strug said she was proud to support March of Dimes youth volunteers who are champions for healthier babies. High school and college volunteers who were part of the 2008 March of Dimes National Youth Leadership Conference at Georgia Institute of Technology last month collected the baby clothes as part of a national community service project.



Kerri Strug (l) with March of Dimes staff & volunteers at Atlanta Medical Center

Ms. Strug, a recent inductee into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, made international

1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. She returned to Atlanta to join March of Dimes just days before the kickoff of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The youth leaders and Ms. Strug visited with staff and patients while touring the Special Care Nursery at the Atlanta Medical Center. Atlanta Medical Center is the only hospital in Atlanta with a March of Dimes NICU Family Support Program® – a critical resource for families providing information and comfort during hospitalization of a newborn, their transition home, and in the event of a loss.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. Its mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or nacersano.org. To learn more about March of Dimes Youth Volunteer Leadership initiatives, visit marchofdimes.com/youth