

## The Du Bose Fund

*Helping children and families  
at UVA Children's Hospital*

Sarah Du Bose was born on February 2, 1994, at the University of Virginia Medical Center, 14 weeks early and weighing less than 3 pounds. She spent almost 4 months in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Caring and highly skilled physicians and nurses kept Sarah alive, nurtured her, and supported her parents during a challenging and difficult time.



Today, Sarah is a thriving high school student. To thank the doctors, nurses, and staff who provided such loving and nurturing care to their daughter, Sally and Charles Du Bose created the Du Bose Fund in 1997.

### **Making a Difference**

Approximately 75% of the 1,700 deliveries at UVA each year are categorized as high-risk. There are more than 500 admissions to the 20-bed NICU and the 25-bed Intermediate Care Nursery. Fifty percent of these admissions are born in community hospitals or other tertiary centers throughout the state or surrounding states that are transported to UVA Children's Hospital for needed care.

A whole range of complex newborn medical problems are treated at UVA; this includes caring for extremely small and premature babies (some weighing less than a pound and born as early as 4 months before their due date), those with respiratory, cardiovascular, neurologic and chromosomal abnormalities, and babies requiring immediate surgical services. Many of these babies require extended hospital stays of weeks to months.

These children and their caregivers face enormous challenges with great courage. Donations to the Du Bose Fund help provide services and resources to



*We created the Du Bose Fund to celebrate the miracle of Sarah's life and to ensure that others have access to the same programs and services that meant so much to our family.*

*- Sally and Charles Du Bose*

these families, and also build on UVA's existing strengths in obstetric and neonatal care.

Examples include:

- A dedicated education space for families in the NICU
- Gas cards and food vouchers to meet the immediate needs of families
- Support for the continuing education of neonatal nurse practitioners
- Nursing and allied health education programs
- Special "Kangaroo" chairs for parents at bedside

Contributions to the Du Bose Fund are tax-deductible. For more information, please call (800) 297-0102 or (434) 924-8432. Or, to make a gift, please send your check to the address below (with "Du Bose Fund" written on the memo line).

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