



World NIDCAP Day

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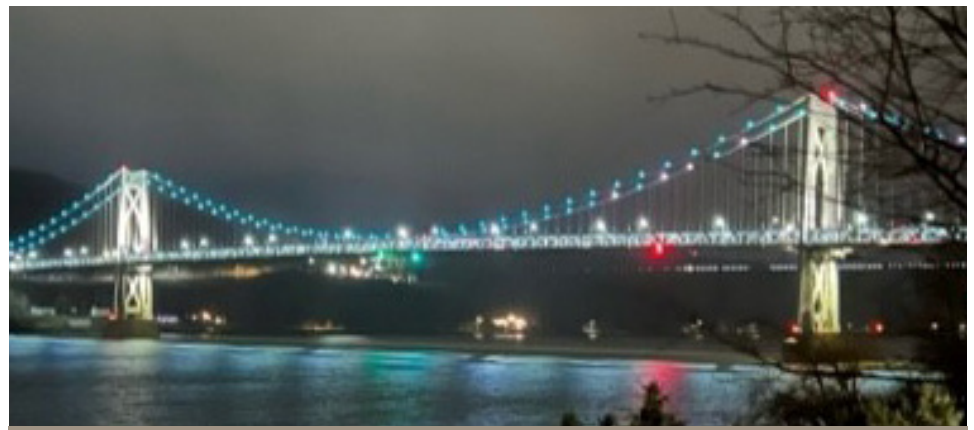
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Happy 20th Anniversary to the NFI! We sure know how to celebrate as can be seen by the multitude of events hosted by our members throughout the month of March in concert with our 3rd annual World NIDCAP Day.

March 20th was exceptional this year. So many of our members celebrated World NIDCAP Day in their hospitals with activities, parties and some even made specially designed NIDCAP themed cookies. Several bridges and buildings across the globe were glowing in teal to help us spread awareness about the NIDCAP practice so that we can continue to share it with more hospitals, babies, and families.

One event that we are especially proud of is our first ever World NIDCAP Day Virtual Gala. It was no small feat to pull off such an event. Many members of the NFI Advancement Committee and others worked tirelessly to plan each portion of the gala. One member of the



Mid-Hudson Bridge, New York lit up in Teal

gala planning team that deserves special recognition is Sandra Kosta. Sandra seemed to work around the clock to make sure the event went off without a hitch and it worked. There were many presentations from several NFI members from all over the globe. The compelling stories from Africa and Japan conveyed the true meaning of NIDCAP while reminding us all that the NIDCAP practice is truly a global one. Our family presentation was also quite beautiful. Latoshia Rouse's family story was a true gem. Hearing her story while seeing her beautiful children play in the background shows us how important the NIDCAP practice is and the impact it makes on babies and families.

Our gala was full of prizes as well. Attendees were invited to bid on several different gift packages, including books authored by our members, developmental care tools such as the Zaky, and one-on-one conversations with our NIDCAP experts including, Drs. Heidelise Als,

Jane Holmes Bernstein, Nikk Conneman, and Graciela Basso. The lucky winners have been notified.

Let's not forget to mention the inauguration of the newly opened Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training and Research Center in Sweden that occurred during the Swedish Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention. This event was March 24, 2022, and many of our own NFI members gave presentations including Dr. Heidelise Als, Dr. Deborah Buehler, and more. We are so happy to have yet another training center open.

Thank you to each and every one of you who attended an event or shared it with your colleagues, donated your hard-earned money, celebrated in your hospital, or just wore teal to help us spread the word about NIDCAP during the month of March. We are thankful for you!

Is it too early to start World NIDCAP Day 2023?

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