

# Spectacular Reunion

Saint Luke's Hospital hosted its Annual Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Reunion on Sunday, June 8, at the downtown Marriott. More than 125 NICU graduates and their families attended this annual event.

Saint Luke's started a support group in 1980 for the parents of babies who start their life in the NICU. At the time, little information was available for the parents of these very early arrivals, so the support group offered a way for them to know other NICU families in the area. It's now an annual reunion of extended NICU families: nurses and doctors come, too.

"These families become an extension of our own," said Susan Dye, R.N., who coordinated this year's event, "so it's a great opportunity to get back in touch."

The afternoon was filled with a variety of activities for the children, including a moon-walk, face painting, musical entertainment, and a petting zoo. The March of Dimes was also on hand to take photos of the graduates with their families. ♦

