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**Local club donates ‘twin bed’ to Dominican Hospital’s NICU**

*Neonatal cribette sleeps two for twins*

SANTA CRUZ –The Santa Cruz Mothers of Twins Club has donated a neonatal cribette to Dominican Hospital’s Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

This special bed sleeps two to promote the unique health needs of premature multiples who may need special care in the NICU. Co-bedding (twins or other multiples sleeping together) strengthens the bond that is formed in the womb.

In 2009, 28 sets of twins were born at Dominican Hospital and spent time in the NICU. The Santa Cruz Mothers of Twins Club, established in 1975, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing education, information, assistance and support to parents of multiples.

The club chose Dominican Hospital for its donation because more than 90 percent of the families involved with the organization gave birth at Dominican Hospital. Dominican is the only hospital in Santa Cruz County with a Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and is approved to co-bed multiples.

“As parents of multiples we wish for all of our children to be born healthy, and to be released from the hospital as soon as they are able,” said Linda Alameda-Strawn, club treasurer and mother of twins. “Any facility that is able to provide special care and equipment to make this happen helps us to feel like a family that much sooner.”

A dedication ceremony for the cribette will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Dominican Hospital. This event is open to media only, not the general public, and will provide excellent photo opportunities.

For more information on the Santa Cruz Mothers of Twins Club, contact Tiffany Gallup at (408) 891-5566 or e-mail [twins@changingleaves.net](mailto:twins@changingleaves.net).