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### **Research Studies Answer Questions About Multiples, Parenting Experiences**

Franklin, TN – People can sometimes ask the strangest questions about multiples, like the age-old, “How do you tell them apart?”

Let’s try a few new ones. Did the pandemic affect parental choices for school placement of multiples? Does a close multiple relationship carry into adulthood? If multiples choose to continue their education following high school, do most decide to attend the same college? Are parents of multiples more likely to buy the same or a different gift for their young multiples? The answers to these questions and more can be found in Multiples of America organizational research studies.

Multiples of America works to provide information about multiples and the experience of parenting multiples from pregnancy to careers, jobs, marriages and throughout life through its organizational research studies. Several research studies have also addressed topics relevant to the management of local clubs, including leadership roles, programming during the pandemic, and club tag sales.

Multiples of America also assists researchers, physicians, education professionals, and other multiple-birth organizations worldwide in completing their research studies. The organization’s latest research partnership seeks to gather information concerning multiples’ perceptions about school placement and parental perceptions about the COVID-19 remote learning experience.

Multiples of America maintains an archive of the research reports conducted by the organization and a few outside researchers. Members can access a listing of those reports, and the results of any of those 133 studies by request from the organization’s website, [www.multiplesofamerica.org](http://www.multiplesofamerica.org)

By the way, in case you’re wondering, Multiples of America research found that significantly more families chose to keep their multiples together than to separate them due to the pandemic. Identical multiples remain the closest in adulthood and are more likely to live closer to each other and do more activities together. Very few multiples decide to attend the same college; fewer still want to room together, and nearly one-fourth of mothers of multiples prefer that their children receive the same item when it is gift-giving time.

Multiples of America (also known as the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families of multiple birth children through support, education, and research. They partner with local support groups, health care providers, researchers, and educators as a part of their work as they endeavor to aid parents of multiples and to raise public awareness of the unique qualities of multiple birth children.