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Multiples of America 63nd National Convention Heading to Louisville, Kentucky

Franklin, TN - Multiples of America (also known as the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.) plans to head to the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky for its 2024 annual meeting, to be held July 25-27, 2024.

This convention will bring together parents and caregivers of multiples from around the nation. It's an opportunity for them to connect with information and ideas, hear thought-provoking speakers, and participate in motivational workshops. It's a chance for them to build networks of support with other parents as they discuss parenting challenges and club leadership issues. It's a time for them to come together as an organization to review business and determine new directions.

A review of speaker and workshop presentations in *Multiple Connections*, the organization's member publication, will give members not in attendance at convention a chance to connect with the information and ideas presented in Louisville. An online forum prior to convention will give members a chance to share thoughts about the organization's services and programs.

"Multiples of America is excited to be heading to Louisville this summer," said Kim Simonich, Events Vice President. "We've found Louisville to be a city built on coming in first, and this annual convention represents a lot of firsts for our organization. It's the first time in our organization's history that we'll be holding a convention in Kentucky. It's the first time since the pandemic that we're adding special local tours into our convention schedule, and there are a couple of other surprises in store...so stay tuned!"

Founded in 1960, Multiples of America has been growing its supports for over six decades, all primarily powered through the work of volunteers. Through those years, the organization has supported expectant and new parents as they cope with the distinctive, often overwhelming, challenges in raising multiples. Challenges can include day-to-day care, as well as the medical, emotional, financial, and educational issues that often arise — not just in the early years, but into toddlerhood, school years, and beyond. Multiples of America has also provided an abundance of scientific and medically-based research, in excess of 200 studies for the purpose of informing and educating parents and caregivers on conditions that may be more frequently experienced with multiple births.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to point toward the need for a support organization such as Multiples of America. The CDC documents around 31 twins per 1,000 births, with 54% of twins born with low birth weight and 59% born preterm. Nearly all of higher order multiples (triples, quadruplets, etc.) are born preterm.

For more information about Multiples of America, the upcoming convention, or how to become a convention sponsor, visit www.multiplesofamerica.org

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 (twins, triplets and higher-order multiples) through support, education, and research. Funded by member dues, donations, and grants, the organization currently serves nearly 5,500 members in more than 130 clubs across the country. For more information about the organization, its services, and benefits, contact our Executive Office, at info@multiplesofamerica.org