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**Gift is a loving tribute to daughter**

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While out and about this week I was blessed with the opportunity to speak with a couple, a family, who have learned a lot about love and giving in a very short amount of time.

In March, the Bychowskys will celebrate their 12th year of marriage. They have lived in Lake in the Hills since August of 2006. Last year, **Jennifer Bychowsky** found out she was expecting a baby. Eventually, her pregnancy was categorized as high-risk. After pouring over pedigrees of high-risk obstetricians, Bychowsky and her husband, **Michael Bychowsky**, decided on a doctor that worked out of Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

**Isabella Madison Bychowsky** was born 16 weeks early, and the Bychowskys thanked God every day that their daughter was receiving top quality care at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Lutheran General. "It was about an hour drive. We were with her every day. Sometimes on Sundays we would catch up with grocery shopping, but between us, we were there every day," said Jennifer.

Eventually, Jennifer ventured back to work at IPA in Buffalo Grove; another long commute. She worked half days and was grateful of the support her boss, **John Burgess** gave her. "My boss came to the hospital a few times. He insisted that she remain my priority. I am very lucky to have a job where my boss is so supportive," said Jennifer.

Because Jennifer was not able to spend all of her time with Isabella, she felt guilty leaving her behind. She heard of a product called a Zaky and thought she would give it a try. Zakys are bonding, therapeutic positioning pillows that help create boundaries for premature babies. They have the look, feel, weight, scent, and warmth of a parent's hand and forearm. When Jennifer would leave Isabella in the NICU, she would leave a Zaky with her scent in the crib. "When we had to go home, we felt like we were leaving something human behind for her," said Michael.

"Every time I would come in and she was having a good day, she would have her hand wrapped around the thumb and it just really made me feel good," said Jennifer.

The Bychowskys were so happy with the product they decided to purchase some for the NICU. "We wanted other babies and families to have that opportunity," said Jennifer. They got in touch with the company and explained that they wanted to make a donation to the hospital and the company matched their donation. The Bychowskys purchased 30 left-handed Zakys, and the company donated 30 right-handed Zakys.

"We originally donated the Zakys in honor of Isabella," said Michael. Isabella passed away on Sept. 13. Michael said the donation is now in her memory.

"Yes, we feel cheated," said Jennifer of how short Isabella's time was with them, "but I am proud of my daughter. We know why she was here. She brought families together. She did a lot. She was special to so many people."

The Bychowsky's experiences were blogged on [www.bychowsky.com](http://www.bychowsky.com). More information on Zakys can be found at [www.zakeez.com](http://www.zakeez.com). The Bychowsky's have purchased a Web site and are hoping to launch a foundation to honor their cherished daughter at [www.lizzieBee.org](http://www.lizzieBee.org).



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