Charis Bigwarfe came into this world with her twin sister, Kathryn, 10 weeks early. Charis and Kathryn both weighed less than two pounds.

Immediately after birth, the twin girls were rushed to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital.

Kathryn survived for two days, but Charis fought for her life, and 12 weeks later, parents Jeffrey and Alexa took her home.

“No parent should have to experience the life-changing journey that happens when a baby is born too soon,” said Alexa.

Charis is now an energetic toddler who enjoys dancing, singing, climbing, and getting into any mess she can.

Palmetto Health Foundation is hosting information sessions and tours of the NICU to raise awareness and generate support for the NICU. If you would like to learn more or to obtain a copy of the wish list detailing current needs of the NICU, please contact Anna Saunders at 803-434-2830 or Anna.Saunders@PalmettoHealth.org.