When John and Phillips Marshall were born 12 weeks early in July 2011, they both weighed less than three pounds. Immediately after birth, they were rushed to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital.

Initially, Phillips was placed on a ventilator for a few days. Once he was removed from the ventilator, both he and John had to use a CPAP machine, which helped their lungs expand.

“Being a new mom and not only having to care for one baby but two with special needs, I was very grateful to be educated by the doctors and staff at the NICU,” said Betsy, John and Phillips’ mom.

Before the twins went home, the NICU doctors, nurses and staff taught the new parents the proper ways to care for their sons, including infant CPR.

Today, John and Phillips are two healthy, happy, smiling twin boys.

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.