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Community Hospital Welcomes Very 1st Baby at NEW Hospital!

Mesa County, CO - The first baby to be born in the brand new Community Hospital made her debut at 4:55 pm on the hospital's opening day! Zoe weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. Both mom and baby are doing well. **The media is invited to help celebrate the 1st baby at 2 pm this afternoon.**

"This is such an exciting day for Community Hospital," said Tonya Chapin, Director of The Birth Place at Community Hospital. "Our CEO announced the opening of our new hospital at 6:00 am and by 10:30 am our first two moms-to-be had already walked through the door. We are so proud to once again give expectant parents a choice as to where to deliver their baby locally," added Chapin.

Community Hospital has not delivered babies since 2000. The last baby born at the old Community Hospital, now 16 years old, was born March 15, 2000.

Community Hospital broke ground on the new hospital in October 2014. The new labor and delivery unit features eight labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum (LDRP) suites, each with a private jetted tub and one cesarean section operating room. Expectant parents will also enjoy a private parking lot and a private entrance with an elevator that takes them directly to the labor and delivery unit.

"What an exciting day and what a huge vote of confidence to be delivering babies on our very first day open at our new hospital," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "Labor and delivery has been our number one most requested service for many years. We truly believe expectant parents are going to be very pleased with their new option to deliver at Community Hospital," added Thomas.

As a gift for being the very first baby born at the new hospital, mom and baby will be presented with a basket from the Community Hospital Foundation containing items such as a newborn shirt from Colorado Baby, 14K white gold earrings for mom from Janet Brink, Board of Trustees board member and former Foundation Board member, a massage, mani/pedi and haircut and style for mom from Crush Salon, a Target gift certificate, a Merry Maids gift certificate and much more!

To learn more about the labor and delivery services at Community Hospital, please visit www.YourCommunityHospital.com.

*** Media should arrive at the front lobby no later than 1:45 pm and will be escorted up to the labor and delivery unit.**

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