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Community Hospital Welcomes 1st New Year's Baby!

Mesa County, CO - It's a GIRL! The first New Year's baby to be born at Community Hospital in 2017 made her debut on Sunday, January 1st at 1:47 pm. Both mom and baby are doing well. **The media is invited to help celebrate Community Hospital's 1st New Year's baby at 6:00 pm this evening.**

"This is such an exciting milestone for Community Hospital," said Lori Ganzer, Interim Director of The Birth Place at Community Hospital. "Since opening in March 2016, we have already delivered nearly 500 babies. We are proud to give expectant parents a choice as to where to deliver their baby locally and are humbled by the overwhelming support we have received," added Ganzer.

Prior to opening The Birth Place, Community Hospital had not delivered babies since 2000. The last baby born at the old Community Hospital, now almost 17 years old, was born March 15, 2000.

The labor and delivery unit at Community Hospital features eight labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum (LDRP) suites, each with a private jetted tub and one cesarean section operating room. Expectant parents also enjoy private parking, and a private entrance with an elevator that takes them directly to the labor and delivery unit. Each family also enjoys a steak and shrimp dinner prior to leaving the hospital or has the option to take home a beautiful gift basket to enjoy at a later date to celebrate their new bundle of joy.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the first New Year's baby born at the new Community Hospital. The Thomas' have a New Year's baby and there is no better way to start off a new year than with a new addition to the family," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "2017 is off to a great start. We are extremely optimistic for what the new year holds and will continue to work tirelessly to offer choices in health care to residents of the Grand Valley," added Thomas.

As a gift for being the very first New Year's 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, a Community Hospital fleece blanket, a Halo SleepSack Swaddle blanket, celebratory milestone stickers, including "My First New Years", a salon gift certificate for mom, courtesy of Signature Nails, a beautiful floral bouquet, courtesy of Country Elegance Florist, a photo session, courtesy of The Lifestyle Photography Studio, a \$20 gift certificate, courtesy of Olive Garden, a \$500 Colorado Mesa University scholarship and much more!

To learn more about labor and delivery services offered at The Birth Place at Community Hospital, please visit www.YourCommunityHospital.com.

*** Media should arrive at the front lobby no later than 5:45 pm and will be escorted up to the labor and delivery unit by the marketing/communications director.**

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Great Choice!