



First Babies Delivered at Phoenix Baptist Hospital New Women & Infants Center

First Two Babies Born at Same Minute

PHOENIX (July 19, 2009) — **Phoenix Baptist Hospital (PBH)** today opened its new Women & Infants Center and within four hours celebrated the first two births in the Center. At exactly 10:26 a.m., a baby boy was born to Veronica Zapata and a baby girl was born to LaQuaria Richard, both of Phoenix.

“We couldn’t have planned it to happen this way even if we had tried!” said Maria Hayes, director of Women and Infants Services at Phoenix Baptist Hospital.

Both new moms and babies are resting comfortably in the new facility. After the inaugural births, seven more infants were delivered for a total of nine babies today in the new Women & Infants Center.

Today marks the culmination of building efforts that began more than a year ago. In June of 2003, Phoenix Baptist Hospital started construction of the all-new 24,000 square foot Women & Infants Unit designed to enhance the childbirth experience for its patients. Rich wood floors, impressive ceramic tile, sophisticated wall coverings and calming paint colors allow families to celebrate the birth of their child in an environment that has the feel of home.

The new unit is home to 10 labor and delivery suites with built-in Jacuzzi tubs and massage showers along with DVD and CD player entertainment centers allowing laboring mothers to enjoy their favorite movies and music during their childbirth experience. The 18 private post-partum rooms include convenient amenities such as a stocked refrigerator and overnight accommodations for a partner or family member.

“Every functional area of the Women & Infants Unit – from LDR and post-partum to the nursery – offers a state-of-the-art clinical setting that is decorated to create a warm and relaxing environment,” said Maria Hayes, director of Women & Infants Services at the hospital.

The new facility was created by adding a third floor to the hospital's existing South Building, which also houses Admitting, Mammography, Physical Therapy and Outpatient Surgery departments.

Phoenix Baptist Hospital was founded 41 years ago in 1963. Today it is a 216-bed community teaching hospital located in the center of Phoenix with convenient access from all areas of the Valley. Phoenix Baptist Hospital is an acute care hospital providing complete inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services. Phoenix Baptist Hospital

is recognized for providing advanced cardiovascular care including open-heart surgery, noninvasive procedures, diagnostic and rehabilitation. The hospital also offers comprehensive orthopedic, breast health, maternity, radiology and 24-hour emergency services. To learn more about Phoenix Baptist Hospital, visit www.phoenixbaptisthospital.com.