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**RE: First baby print on "Footprints of our Future" wall at  
St. Elizabeth's Mother Child Center**  
St. Elizabeth's Hospital  
Belleville, Illinois

The Mother Child Center at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville will inaugurate its "*Footprints of our Future*" wall on Friday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Melissa and Andrew Tanous, of Belleville, delivered their third child on July 5. Baby Tanous' footprint will be the first on the wall with many more to follow.

Participation in the "*Footprints of our Future*" wall is available to all new parents as a way to welcome their baby and mark the occasion. Each baby's footprint will be put on the wall along with the option of their first name and date of birth. Mothers may also include a thumbprint along side the baby's footprint.

The Mother Child Center has been preparing for this new project since March. The hand-painted design was added to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor walls and also includes the Mother Child Center motto, "Doing the work of Angels." Other enhancements to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor labor and delivery area will include new artwork and prints. In such cases of infant loss, an additional special area will be devoted to the memory of each child.

"We expect that the footprints will be something families will look back on and recall their special family time at St. Elizabeth's," said Sue Drabing, RN, BSN, CLC, Nurse Educator Mother Child Center.

The wall adds to the overall experience of the many special services that St. Elizabeth's Mother Child Center offers throughout the entire pregnancy of our patients including educational programs, doula services, lactation counselors and a Level II Special Care nursery, which is celebrating 14 years of service to the community.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, a 506-bed acute care medical facility, is accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Center and maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. Today, we continue the mission of our founding sisters: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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