

Hospital Happenings

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There was corn, games, food, music, handmade crafts, extra corn and so much more at the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival. Then, among the noise and activity, there was the coolest, quietest, most relaxing booth. The MMH Family Center staff hosted a “Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Rest Stop” for expecting moms and breastfeeding moms to have a cool place to put their feet up and a private place to breastfeed their baby. The booth wasn’t glamorous or glitzy, but offered fans, ice water and a place to rest and relax in the otherwise party atmosphere of the Festival. Moms were so appreciative and several wanted to know if MMH was going to sponsor this kind of booth at other events around the area. It was a great opportunity for the Family Center nurses to support the moms and moms-to-be and to share information about their wonderful unit at MMH.

The Family Center (birthing center) offers a warm and friendly environment staffed by an excellent and caring group of nurses, midwives and doctors. The goal is to provide a healthy, safe and personal experience for families. Since childbirth is a unique and personal experience, they do everything they can to accommodate the needs of our families.

Our birthing Unit includes four large suites where family members and friends can take part in the patient’s care. A Jacuzzi tub is available during your labor, if the mom is interested. The staff understands that comfort measures are important during the labor experience, so they also support alternative labor methods (aromatherapy, massage, breathing techniques and various positions). Anesthesia is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and our anesthesiologists and certified nurse anesthetists are available to place epidurals day or night.

Security and safety are also one of our priorities. A state of the art monitoring system is utilized during labor to ensure your baby’s wellbeing. As a standard of care to ensure safety, our unit is locked and infants are given security bracelets upon arrival.

Childbirth and sibling classes are available and offer education and help prepare you and your family for your childbirth. The follow-up program ensures that mother and baby are doing

well after they are discharged from the hospital. Each mother will receive a phone call from our lactation specialist or nursing staff to answer questions and give additional support.

The staff at the Family Center is very proud of their unit and happy to give tours and speak with anyone who has questions or would like more information. They can be reached at 240-7272.

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