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Newly Renovated Family Birthing Center Opens at French Hospital Medical Center

Expanded facilities provide advanced care and comfort to maternity patients and their families

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – May 16, 2017 – The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center at French Hospital Medical Center has officially opened its doors as of Friday, May 12, 2017, just in time for Mother’s Day. The birthing center is now in full operation serving families in and around the Central Coast.

The expanded center contains eight private birthing suites, with each room offering labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum services to patients all in the same space. Other additions include a C-section suite directly inside the center, and a new waiting area for families.

Renovation for the Birthing Center began in August 2015, supported by a generous gift from the Stollmeyer and Ryan families along with other contributors.

“This expansion of our maternity services significantly enhances the clinical experience for our patients,” said Alan Ifiniuk, President and CEO of French Hospital Medical Center. “It represents another monumental step in our efforts to transform and modernize French Hospital. We are deeply grateful for the support of the Stollmeyer and Ryan families.”

The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center includes:

- Private patient rooms with birthing tubs
- Updated perinatal nursery
- Attentive medical experts 24/7
- New waiting area for loved ones
- Dedicated C-section suite in Birthing Center
- Centrally located nursing station
- Baby celebration wall



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With safety and environmental responsibility in mind, the Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center features individual temperature control, Lumicor light box panels, and LED lighting on dimmers. Each room includes commissioned local artwork to create a calming, relaxing atmosphere.

French Hospital Medical Center is designated as a Baby-Friendly Hospital®. For more information, visit dignityhealth.org/frenchhospital.

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About French Hospital Medical Center

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, has been named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, and is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. French Hospital has achieved prestigious designation as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. In addition, an expansion and modernization project is underway at French Hospital, including construction of the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, which will provide community access to comprehensive health care education resources free of charge. French is a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA and St. John's Pleasant Valley in Camarillo, CA. Dignity Health Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities. To learn more go to <http://www.dignityhealth.org/frenchhospital/>

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