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# Here for Life

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## A SURPRISE DELIVERY

YOUR SUPPORT PROVIDES LIFE-SAVING CARE



At 32 weeks pregnant, Ashley was experiencing extremely high blood pressure. Her OB-GYN admitted her to CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills (CSRH-WH) where she and her unborn baby were further examined. After a few days of being monitored in the Hospital, Ashley's nurse noticed that the baby's heart rate was dropping, so they quickly moved her to delivery.

"As soon as they believed something was wrong with my baby, I knew the nurses and physicians were working to save our lives," Ashley said.

Ashley underwent an emergency c-section, and baby Ace was born that day at 3 lbs. 11 oz. He spent the next month receiving care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at CSRH-WH.



**Top:** Ashley and Ace in the NICU at CSRH-WH  
**Left:** Ace with his dad, Aaron  
**Right:** Baby Ace



"That was the longest month of my life. It was so hard not being able to bring Ace home with me, but I knew he was receiving the best care possible," Ashley said. "Ace is now home and doing well. I am so thankful to the physicians and nurses at Westover Hills who acted quickly to save my baby's life."

It's because of supporters, like you, that Ashley and Ace were able to receive the life-saving care they needed. We rely on your support. Will you help us save more lives?

# A GIFT OF HOPE FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

**Are you a grateful patient of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa?**

Here's how you can help give back:

- Make a donation.
- Share your story with us.

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The legacy you leave behind will make a lasting impact well beyond your years.

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## ABOUT US



Your support makes it possible for CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospitals in  
 NEW BRAUNFELS,  
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 & SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER  
 to **enhance programs, provide new equipment and support unfunded patient care** upholding the ministry of this faith-based, non-profit health care organization.

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# PROVIDING SUPPORT THROUGH THE STORM

DONORS MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF HURRICANE HARVEY PATIENTS

In August 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the coast of South Texas, impacting thousands. Almost 100 patients from Corpus Christi and Victoria were transferred to CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Medical Center (CSRH - MC) and CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - New Braunfels (CSRH - NB) for care.

In response to continued growth in patient volume, CSRH - MC expanded into its previously closed 4th floor oncology unit. The unit had been closed for three years and required new equipment.

Donors generously responded and provided the necessary funding to reopen 18 patient rooms.

The Tobin Endowment was one of the donors to respond with a donation of \$15,000, providing necessary funds for a new hospital bed and medical equipment.

"The Tobin Endowment was honored to come alongside CHRISTUS Santa Rosa to help provide quality care to patients in need," said J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., chairman and trustee, Tobin Endowment. "During a time of such devastation, we are grateful to have been a part of the healing process for some individuals."



Associates from CHRISTUS St. Michael pray together before leaving to San Antonio to help care for Hurricane Harvey patients.

# BREAST CANCER CARE IN NEW BRAUNFELS

BREAST CANCER PROGRAM MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT



CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - New Braunfels (CSRH - NB) initiated their Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program in January 2017. The Program is led by a multispecialty group of physicians in areas such as radiology, oncology, pathology, reconstructive surgery. Through this comprehensive program, New Braunfels breast cancer patients are able to receive necessary care, the right cure, all in one place.

"One of the most important reasons we started this program was for our patients and their families to have access to the care they need, right here in New Braunfels," said Judith Thompson, M.D., general surgery, CSRH - NB. "We are thrilled that this program is now in place, allowing us to provide high-quality comprehensive care to our deserving patients."

The program's multispecialty group of physicians, "the tumor board," meets twice a month to discuss the details of each breast cancer patient's unique treatment plan. Specialists carefully review the patient files to ensure that they are receiving the best possible care.

"Through donor support that our patients in New Braunfels have access to the care they need and deserve," said Karen Wash, M.D., radiology, CSRH - NB. "The Friends Foundation provides the funds needed for advancements in medical equipment, allowing our patients to have access to the best chance of healing and survival. Thank you for helping us provide comprehensive breast cancer care in New Braunfels."

# COMFORTABLE CARE FOR MOTHERS IN LABOR

ASSOCIATE GIVING FUNDS WIRELESS FETAL MONITORS



CSRH - WH delivers approximately 150 newborns each month.

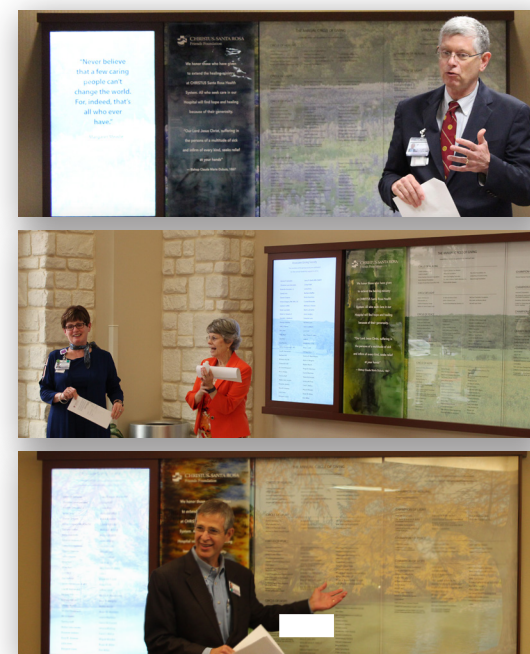
Specific needs of mothers in labor vary, case by case. Depending on the patient's body type and the position of the baby, the patient may require the use of wireless fetal monitors. These waterproof, wireless monitors eliminate the risk of infection and keep track of contractions and the fetal heart rate.

The monitors also provide a more comfortable experience, allowing the patient to get up, move around, and take a shower. Donations raised through Associate Giving funded the purchase of these wireless monitors at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills (CSRH - WH).

"These monitors are an amazing tool that allow us to provide our patients with the birthing experience they deserve," said Kathya Gavazzi, MSN, RN, C-EFM, director of perinatal services, CSRH - WH. "Without donor support, patient care does not excel the way that it should. We are so thankful for the impact donors have made in our department and in our patients' lives."

In 2017, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Associates gave a total of \$207,640 to support patient care.

## DID YOU KNOW?



The lobbies of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Medical Center, New Braunfels, and Westover Hills now display beautiful "Donor Walls of Honor."

Each wall is adorned with a unique piece of artwork and recognizes donors, like you, who **make it possible for our Hospitals to provide the highest quality of care to the patients we serve every day.**

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