



What if we could ensure that *every mother and baby* have the best possible beginning?

With your support, we can.

Each new child who enters the world brings great joy to parents, family and friends. Mercy believes that every mother and child deserve a healthy, safe pregnancy and delivery, backed by advanced medical care and social support. This care is offered by skilled providers who have a calling to share in the joy of each delivery.

Thanks to you, Mercy Hospital Jefferson has created a place where families can welcome their little ones in comfort and safety close to home. Our Birth Center features all of the comforts of home, like jetted showers, flat screen TVs and cozy furnishings, as well as safety features to

ensure each mother and baby have the best start possible. Two surgical suites within the center are dedicated exclusively to our new moms and are readily available if complications arise before, during or after delivery. Pain management is provided by an epidural anesthesiologist, and options are available for moms who choose unmedicated labor.

Our wraparound services feature a whole-health approach to wellness. Moms are offered free childbirth and breastfeeding classes, as well as support from a lactation consultant. Big sisters and brothers can

participate in sibling classes to help them adjust to their new roles.

Additional support is needed to meet the growing demand for mother and baby care in Jefferson County and surrounding communities. Mercy is investing in expanding our care team, including additional OB/GYN physicians and family nurse practitioners. Program and capital support is needed so that our providers can continue to offer compassionate, quality care to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Will you join us in protecting the future of our community?

Our philanthropic priorities for Mother and Baby care include:

Nutrition & Basic Needs



A gift of \$100 will provide gas cards, meal vouchers or car seats to help new moms.



A gift of \$1000 will cover the cost of co-pays and essential care items for uninsured new moms.

Technology & Capital Equipment



A gift of \$5,000 will provide 8 Bili Blankets for the treatment of neonatal jaundice.



A gift of \$10,000 will upgrade essential equipment like bassinets and fetal heart monitors.

Contact us today



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One of the top health care priorities sought by the population of Jefferson County is high quality labor and delivery services.



The population of Jefferson County stands at 224,226 with a 2.5% growth rate and a 26% increase of mothers choosing to have their babies delivered at Mercy Jefferson.



Research continues to support the vital importance of early mother/baby bonding as a determinant of proper child development, including its impact on the child's immune system and future emotional health.

The factors that influence the health and well-being of a new baby begin *even before birth*

Medical care in the hospital setting is just one factor affecting the health and wellness of individuals and the community. Social, economic and environmental factors contribute to approximately 60% of individual and community health outcomes collectively referred to as "social determinants of health."

Mercy Hospital Jefferson acknowledges the importance of social determinants of health among those we serve in Jefferson County. However, many day-to-day social determinants of health generally take place away from the care and supervision of physicians and other health professionals. Mercy strives to support the overall health of the communities we serve as part of our healing ministry. This is achieved both through referral programs and charitable assistance.