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## **Holy Redeemer expands and renovates Maternity Center to meet community needs**

(MEADOWBROOK, PA) – Underscoring its commitment to obstetrical and neonatal services, Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center has announced the expansion of its Maternity Center. The more than \$10 million renovation and expansion will provide additional access to maternity and NICU services at a time when demand throughout the region often outpaces bed availability.

“We are delivering approximately 3,000 babies per year, which is an increase of more than 50 percent since 2005. This makes Holy Redeemer one of the top five providers of maternity care in the region,” said Marian Thallner, vice president of women’s and children’s services.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late May and is expected to finish in approximately two years. The project will add 7,550 square feet and renovate 33,600 square feet of space, enhancing the high-risk maternity unit, triage, nursery, post-partum unit, central nursing station, waiting area, and increasing the number of neonatal intensive care unit beds from 10 to 19. This expansion will allow the organization to accommodate up to 4,000 births and provide patients with comfortable, safe, state-of-the-art surroundings.

“Providing health services to women and their newborns is an integral part of Holy Redeemer’s heritage, so an unwavering commitment to maternity care is intrinsic for us. We also believe that access to high quality obstetric care is a basic need in our community. The expansion will enable us to provide women with the comfort and services they expect, as well as convenient access to prenatal care and education services,” added Thallner.

Delivering about 3,000 babies each year, the Maternity Center of Excellence at Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center helps women prepare for a healthy pregnancy with an array of classes on pregnancy, childbirth preparation and infant care; through the “Just4Moms” online club; and with obstetricians who have convenient office locations. The Hospital’s Maternity Center has all private suites with private baths and a state-of-the-art infant safety and security system. Holy Redeemer offers a highly trained,

experienced staff of maternity specialists including board-certified obstetricians, anesthesiologists, maternal-fetal medicine specialists, pediatricians, neonatologists, and maternal/newborn nurses. When and if special needs arise, Holy Redeemer has technologically advanced equipment and monitors, a high risk antenatal testing unit, and a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) with 24/7 coverage. The Hospital also offers certified lactation consultants for assistance with breastfeeding. For more information or to make an appointment with a Holy Redeemer obstetrician, call 1-800-818-4747 or visit [yourebeautifulbaby.com](http://yourebeautifulbaby.com).

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