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First Baby Born at Denver Health in 2023 Receives 2,023 Diapers

DENVER — The first baby born at Denver Health in the new year will be going home with an extra special gift from the Denver Health Foundation's *Newborns in Need* program. The lucky family has received 2,023 diapers to help with the dirty work!

Joevonni Rae Baez was born to Krimson Avila and Joseph Baez at 12:56 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2023. He is 18 ¾ inches long and weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

"We were surprised about receiving the '2023' diapers, and feel very thankful, grateful and blessed," said Avila. Joevonni is the couple's third child.

"It's wonderful to be able to provide the family with this kind of support when they bring home their new bundle of joy," said Sharon H. Mushkin, *Newborns in Need* program coordinator. "2023 marks the 20th anniversary of *Newborns in Need*, which aims to help every family who has a baby born at Denver Health to a healthy start in life with essentials to grow strong."

One-third of all babies in Denver are born at Denver Health. About 90% of them come from families who struggle to get by. The Denver Health Foundation's *Newborns in Need* program helps every family who has a baby born at Denver Health by sending them home with "Warm Welcome" bags. The bag includes 18 different essential items a new family may need including diapers, wipes, baby lotion, shampoo, a bib, a burp cloth, hats, socks, clothes, a SleepSack, a stuffed animal, educational material, a book and more. The bag is valued at more than $150.

Generous donors and volunteers collect thousands of new baby items each year to fill the "Warm Welcome" bags given to new parents who really appreciate this extra help. Additionally, *Newborns in Need* may also provide car seats, strollers, cribs and many more items to families that are in serious need.

Two photos of the family are attached.

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For more than 160 years, Denver Health has been deeply rooted in the health and well-being of the community, providing high-quality clinical care, top-notch education and training for health care workers, and furthering critical research to benefit our patients. We are guided by our mission to serve our community with excellence, compassion, and stewardship as we work to ensure all people have access to the care and programs they need to be happy, healthy and successful.