

# Nursing update



## Couple thankful for NewLife Center teams' 'gift of time and patience'



Wichita's first baby of the New Year, Layton Busenitz, was born at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph just 16 minutes after midnight, weighing 7 pounds and five ounces.

Layton was given a New Year's onesie and a matching cap hand-knitted by Wendi Doyle, RN, known among her Labor and Delivery colleagues for the creative holiday hats she makes for newborns throughout the year.

Parents Mandy and Brian Busenitz, also received a basket full of other baby gifts from Via Christi Volunteers Partners in Caring.

But the greatest gift, the Newton, Kansas, couple says, was the support and encouragement they received from the NewLife Center team during the almost two days she was in labor.

"All of the nurses were wonderful," says Mandy, who was determined if at all possible to have a vaginal birth after the cesarean delivery of the couple's now 2-year-old son. "They gave us the gift of time and patience and now we have a healthy baby boy to take home with us as we begin the New Year."

## No greater gift

Holiday staffing can be challenging and was particularly so this year as the New Year drew closer, as the same illnesses bringing patients to our hospitals also took a toll on those scheduled to provide that care.

"On behalf of the Nursing leadership team, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you who stayed over and picked up extra shifts to provide patient care," says Carla Yost, system chief nursing officer. "We truly appreciate your willingness to go the extra mile to ensure that patients receive safe, quality care," says Yost, who was impressed by all the positive attitudes she encountered during her New Year's weekend rounding.

"As we begin the new calendar year, please know that the contributions you and your Nursing teammates make to Via Christi and our community are appreciated and valued by the entire leadership team and that we are looking forward to our work together in 2018."