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SHARON HOSPITAL CELEBRATES BIRTH OF FIRST BABY IN 2011
**Parents Receive Package: Getaway at Wake Robin Inn, Pampering Gift Certificates,
Plant & Balloons from Country Gardeners Florist and More**

Sharon, CT - Sharon Hospital welcomed its first baby of 2011 into the world on Monday, January 3rd at 7:59 am. Matt and Ashley White of Millerton, NY are the very proud parents of a baby boy. Baby Blaine Thomas weighed in at 9 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 20" long. Brother Korbin Matthew, 3 years old is excited.

"My nurse and physician were caring and supportive; and my care was very personal. We were so happy to be able to come home to have our baby at The Birthing Suites at Sharon Hospital. It is a peaceful place to welcome our baby" stated Ashley. Throughout her birthing experience, Ashley had a dedicated team to support her, including Theresa Spross, RN. Dr. Howard Mortman, Obstetrician/ Gynecologist delivered baby Blaine.

"Each birth is an individual experience in The Birthing Suites at Sharon Hospital. Our labor and delivery team focuses on the unique needs of each mother and baby" said Jill Groody Musselman, Director of Marketing & Public Relations. "Our LDRP Birthing Suites admit mothers to the room where they will remain for their length of stay. This allows for enhanced comfort and quality of care."

Sharon Hospital's Birthing Suites feature advanced technology overlooking the beautiful surrounding hills. The family-focused center caters to the individual needs of each mother and baby with spacious LDRP private suites that cater to each family. The dedicated team at Sharon Hospital, consisting of highly skilled birth experts—obstetrician, pediatrician, midwife & nurse—has been

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delivering unsurpassed maternity care for 101 years. Sharon Hospital encourages mothers to work with their physician to plan the details of their baby's birth. We promote a positive birth experience and utilize a hydrotherapy room and a pain management program to comfort mothers in labor with an anesthesiologist available 24/7 to administer epidurals. In addition, Sharon Hospital offers a complete range of birthing classes. For more information about The Birthing Suites at Sharon Hospital, please call 860.364.4124. For childbirth education and related classes, please call 860.364.4498 or visit sharonhospital.com.

As part of the celebration, proud new parents are able to enjoy a "Stork Club Dinner" for two. A few of the menu choices include shrimp cocktail, chilled fresh fruit, filet mignon, baked stuffed shrimp, strawberries with cream and apple pie. The big brother also receives congratulatory gifts before going home with their baby sibling. In addition, the proud new parents of the first baby born at Sharon Hospital, receive a 'Getaway Package for Two'—an annual gift presented by Wake Robin Inn, Lakeville, CT, a gift certificate from Lynn Martorell of L's Spa for a manicure and pedicure, a plant from Country Gardeners Florist, Millerton, and a gift certificate from Linda Peck of L's Hair Studio, in Sharon. In addition the family received a fleece jacket and silver spoon from Sharon Hospital.

The all-inclusive package from Wake Robin Inn, valid through December 2013, includes a two-night stay at the Inn, complimentary champagne and chocolates upon arrival, a full breakfast and a complimentary dinner at Michael Bryan's pub on premises. "We're always very pleased to offer this getaway package to the proud new parents of Sharon Hospital's Baby New Year. We value our partnership with Sharon Hospital" said Michael Bryan Loftus, Owner-Innkeeper of Wake Robin Inn. "Our gift gives the new parents a little time to relax together."

"We are excited about the arrival of Sharon Hospital's Baby New Year. Baby Blaine is simply beautiful. Our team was very dedicated to the needs of Ashley and Blaine as well as to Matt and Korbin" said Ms. Musselman. "Once again, we are very grateful for our community partnership with the Wake Robin Inn, Ms. Peck, Ms. Martorell, and Ms. Scasso from Country Gardeners Florist. Our partnership helps to celebrate Sharon Hospital's first baby of the year while reinforcing our continued commitment to our communities."

Wake Robin Inn is a 38 guest-room country inn atop 11 acres of rolling hills in Lakeville, CT, at the foothills of the Berkshires. Open year-round, the Inn features well-appointed rooms and function spaces ideal for weddings, retreats & parties. Michael Bryan's Irish Pub, a cozy tavern, serves full meals and premium beers open on premises.

Sharon Hospital (sharonhospital.com), a 78-bed acute care community hospital, located in the beautiful northwest corner of Connecticut; is dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of the community. Founded in 1909, they provide state-of-the-art technology & comprehensive services. Sharon Hospital and its dedicated staff are at the center of caring, serving 20 towns in three states (CT, NY & MA) with compassion. Sharon Hospital is licensed & accredited by many governmental & healthcare organizations, both regionally & nationally.

Photo Caption: First family photo: Matt, baby Blaine, Ashley and Korbin. Daddy cradles newborn baby Blaine. Blaine is the 2011 Baby New Year at The Birthing Suites at Sharon Hospital. He was born January 3rd at 7:59 am. 9 lbs., 1 oz., 20 inches long.