



Make Room for Baby

St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus is Growing!

It's a boy! The first baby was born at St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus. Dayna and Zech States welcomed son Tatum on August 5 in St. Luke's newest Women & Babies unit.

Weighing in at 7 pounds and 5.5 ounces, baby Tatum was delivered by Kimberly G. Smith, MD of the well-known, community-based practice, Stoneridge Obstetrics and Gynecology, which recently joined St. Luke's University Health Network. The practice, now known as St. Luke's OB/GYN – Stoneridge, continues to provide the personalized and compassionate OB/GYN care patients have come to expect. St. Luke's OB/GYN – Stoneridge will continue to see patients at their current Sellersville location and will open two new locations in Harleysville and Quakertown this fall. The Harleysville office will also have a new St. Luke's Pediatric practice next door. In addition, St. Luke's OB/GYN – Stoneridge now offers the added convenience of delivery at the state-of-the-art St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus.

"All four of my children were delivered by physicians from Stoneridge," explains mom Dayna. "In fact, Dr. Smith delivered my oldest son, so I was very comfortable with this delivery." As a long-time patient of Stoneridge OB/GYN, Dayna was delighted when the practice joined St. Luke's. "St. Luke's has a great reputation, so I completely trusted the providers and the level of care I would continue to receive. And having the option of delivering at the brand-new campus was really great."

Dayna appreciates the undivided attention she receives during her appointments. She never feels rushed, and her questions are always answered before she leaves the office. "You can tell they care about you, your baby and your family," says Dayna. "Stoneridge provides a great family environment, which is exactly what you want when you are bringing more kids into the world!"

Lifelong Bucks County residents, Dayna and Zech were excited to deliver at St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus. "Since my delivery was a scheduled induction, I knew the due date and was excited to be one of the first deliveries at the new unit," she shared. The staff and providers were open to working together with Dayna and Zech to develop—and modify—her care plan. According to Dayna, everyone in the unit was attentive. "When I needed someone, they were there. Otherwise, it was quiet, and I could bond with my husband and the baby."

"The Women & Babies unit at St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus is just the latest component of our ongoing commitment to providing high-level maternal and newborn care to the region," says Justin Kashner, MBA, Service Line Administrator, Women's Health, St. Luke's University Health Network. "In addition to our existing labor and delivery units that service Monroe, Carbon, Northampton, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Warren counties, St. Luke's has now expanded its high-quality, personalized care for families and babies in Bucks and Montgomery counties."

Conveniently located in Milford Township at the intersection of Route 663 and Portzer Road, the 80-bed, 131,000 square-foot St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus offers spacious private rooms, critical care and surgical services, a large emergency department with 16 emergency rooms, and interventional radiology.

Based on overwhelming demand, the campus added 20 additional medical/surgical beds in August 2020, less than a year after opening, and will continue to add facilities and services to meet the growing needs of the community. The campus recently broke ground on a three-story West Wing, which includes a Cancer Center with medical offices, infusion, radiation oncology and expanded obstetric services, as well as room for additional growth. The new wing is scheduled for completion in early 2023.

"In addition to St. Luke's OB/GYN – Stoneridge, St. Luke's has added primary care and pediatric practices in our community, increased access to specialty

care services for adults and children, and already expanded the beautiful, state-of-the-art St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus," says Dennis Pfeifer, President, St. Luke's Upper Bucks and Quakertown Campuses. "We will continue to add easy access to providers, amenities and new services to meet the ongoing needs of our community."

Today, Tatum has a full head of hair and is sleeping and eating well. Big brother Jackson, six and half, was very happy to get a baby brother and not another sister; he already has two: four-year-old Avery and two-year-old Brynneleigh. As for Brynneleigh, she wasn't a fan of her new brother in the hospital, but since then she has warmed up to the idea. She now loves "Baby Tate."

Founded in 1872, St. Luke's University Health Network is a fully integrated, regional, non-profit network of more than 17,000 employees providing services at 12 hospital sites and 300+ outpatient sites in 10 counties. In partnership with Temple University, St. Luke's established the Lehigh Valley's first and only regional medical school campus. It also operates the nation's longest continuously operating School of Nursing and 38 fully accredited graduate medical educational programs. St. Luke's is the only Lehigh Valley-based health care system to earn Medicare's Five-Star Quality Rating for quality, efficiency, and patient satisfaction. St. Luke's is both a Leapfrog Group and Healthgrades Top Hospital and a *Newsweek* World's Best Hospital. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked St. Luke's #1 in the Lehigh Valley and #6 in the state.

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