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First Baby of the New Year Born at Women & Children's Hospital

(Lake Charles, LA) – Veronica Withers of Sulphur gave birth to the first baby born at Women & Children's Hospital at 9:11 a.m. on New Year's Day. Baby Ronald weighed 5 lbs. and 1 oz and was measured at 17 ½ inches upon arrival.

The day was full of firsts for Withers, since this is her first child and she delivered the first baby of the year. "It was the most incredible experience of my life," stated Withers. Her obstetrician, Dr. Karen Fisher confirmed that both mom and baby are both doing fine.

Withers and Dad, Ronald Espree were surprised with a beautiful gift basket filled with baby items provided by A Daisy A Day, Brousse's: A Child's World, Pink & Blue Avenue, TOYS R US and Women & Children's. Withers thanks Dr. Fisher, the nursing staff, and all the individuals who provided gifts. "I thank everyone for the great care and kindness shown to me throughout the process," added Withers.

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About Women & Children's Hospital: Women & Children's Hospital (WCH) is a full-service acute care hospital located at 4200 Nelson Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605. WCH is the area's preferred leader for Women's Services and offers inpatient, outpatient, medical and surgical care for men, women and children. WCH is a recognized Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence and is equipped with a 24-hour, physician-staffed Emergency Department and a Level 3 Neonatal ICU. For more information about WCH, visit www.women-childrens.com.