Methodist Health System Foundation celebrated the official opening of the newly expanded Methodist Mansfield Women’s Pavilion by hosting a reception at the hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Donors, community leaders, and elected officials from Mansfield and surrounding communities were honored at the event.

In March 2011, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center began construction on this extensive $9.1 million project to ensure that new moms in southeast Tarrant County could deliver their newborns close to home. In response to this need for increased labor and delivery services, the Foundation launched its first capital campaign at Methodist Mansfield in June 2011 with a goal to raise $500,000 from philanthropic support.

Foundation President and CEO April Box Chamberlain, CFRE, thanked the Mansfield community for its support and recognized the major donors to the Women’s Pavilion Expansion campaign. Rob Schulz, chairman of the capital campaign committee, expressed appreciation to committee members for exceeding their goal by more than 60 percent, raising more than $800,000 for the expansion.

“I feel like this expansion is one that’s going to catapult Methodist Mansfield into a completely different dimension,” Schulz says.
A gift to share

Professional photographer Diana Raines has chosen to share her artistic talent by donating a collection of portraits of local newborns to the Family Centered Care Unit in the newly expanded Methodist Mansfield Women’s Pavilion.

“What a great joy it is to be a photographer of the most amazing subjects in existence: God’s children,” she says. “In Romans 12:6, we are called to use the gifts that God provides: ‘Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.’ The nurses, doctors, and staff of Methodist Mansfield Medical Center are surely using their talents daily. I am excited to partner with the hospital in offering a sampling of our unique type of portraiture, hoping that the images will, in some small way, bless the lives of the parents, families, and friends who view them.”

Committed to the community

Carol and Edward H. Esstman have demonstrated their support of Methodist Mansfield Medical Center from the very beginning. When Methodist Health System built its campus in Mansfield, they were thrilled. Mrs. Esstman even became a charter member of the hospital’s Auxiliary.

The couple has given not only time but treasure, as well, through their generous gift of $100,000 to name the Well-Baby Nursery in the newly expanded Women’s Pavilion.

“Methodist was the only health system that had the faith in the Mansfield area to come and put in a wonderful facility for us,” Mrs. Esstman says. “Our philosophy is that we support the community in which we live in many different ways.”

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:13–14)