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Phoenix Children's welcomes Malone quadruplets

PHOENIX (Aug. 20, 2007) – Following sextuplets and quintts in recent weeks -- a couple from Columbus, Georgia gave birth at Banner Good Sam this morning to four boys. The four baby boys are now being cared for in the Newborn Intensive Care Nursery at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

"All the babies look really healthy," said Dr. Jordon Leonard, neonatologist from Phoenix Children's Hospital. "Baby B is in good condition and the rest of the boys are in fair condition, only because they'll need some breathing assistance and are currently on c-pap."

The babies were born between 10:01 a.m. and 10:04 a.m. to Kelly Malone and husband, Dr. Thomas Michael Malone, following a 34-week pregnancy. Baby Boy A: is 4 lbs, 9.3 oz; Baby Boy B: 4 lbs, 4.8 oz; Baby Boy C: 4 lbs, 15.0 oz and Baby Boy D: 4 lbs, 15.8 oz. The Malones chose not to name the babies until Kelly could meet their children in person. The Malones have one older son, Thomas Michael II, 3.

The Malones are the third family from Georgia to bring their babies to Phoenix since 2005. Dr. Malone is a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist in Columbus, as is his father. After much research and consideration the Malones decided on the Banner Good Sam/Phoenix Children's team to care for this high risk pregnancy and their quadruplets.

Kelly arrived in Arizona in May to be near her physicians. Unlike most multiple moms, Kelly was able to remain in the community until this past Saturday (33 weeks, 5 days) with frequent visits to the hospital and physician offices for IV therapy and careful monitoring of the babies' growth and well-being.

Dr. Elliott, his colleagues at Phoenix Perinatal Associates, the neonatologists at Phoenix Children's and the nursing staffs at Phoenix Children's Hospital and Banner Good Sam have developed an international reputation for their care and management of women delivering high-order multiples (triplets or more). Phoenix Children's Hospital and Banner Good Samaritan have cared for about 75 sets of quadruplets, six sets of quintuplets and two sets of sextuplets. This is thought to be more sets of high-order multiples than has been cared for than at any other hospital in the U.S., and perhaps the world.

"These nationwide referrals say a lot for the reputation of the perinatal and neonatal care provided by Banner Good Samaritan and Phoenix Children's Hospital, and the physicians at Phoenix Perinatal Associates," said Dr. Elliott. "We feel we have been very privileged to care for a number of mothers expecting quintuplets and other high-order multiples."

Banner Good Samaritan and Phoenix Children's Hospital will host a news conference at Banner Good Samaritan, Tuesday, August 21, at 12:30 p.m. Speakers include Dr. Malone, father of the quadruplets; and perinatologist Dr. John Elliott from PPA and neonatologist Dr. Jordon Leonard from Phoenix Children's Hospital. B-roll and photos from the delivery will be available at that time.

Phoenix Children's Hospital Newborn ICU has completed its Phase One expansion and recently added 33 semiprivate rooms featuring 59 beds. Phase Two begins immediately and is expected to be complete in Spring, 2008. When completed, the nursery will be the length of a football field and the largest neonatal nursery in the country. The expansion will raise the square footage in the nursery from 880 sq. feet to 38,000 sq. feet including 110 rooms – 75 private and 34 rooms designed for high-end multiples.



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Malone quadruplets born at Banner Good Samaritan; quads are third from Georgia in past three years

PHOENIX (Aug. 20, 2007) – Georgia is on the mind at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center after the delivery of quadruplets from Columbus, Ga., this morning.

The babies were born between 10:01 a.m. and 10:04 a.m. to Kelly Malone and husband, Dr. Thomas Michael Malone, following a 34-week pregnancy.* The Malones are the third family from Georgia to deliver quadruplets at Banner Good Samaritan since 2005.

The four boys, dubbed “the Goodfellas” by their parents, had a total birthweight of 18 pounds, 12.8 ounces, according to Dr. John Elliott, Kelly’s perinatologist and an expert in the delivery of high-order multiples.

Kelly and Michael are the new parents of:

BABY BOY A; 4 lbs, 9.2 oz; 10:01 a.m.

BABY BOY B; 4 lbs, 4.8 oz; 10:02 a.m.

BABY BOY C; 4 lbs, 15.0 oz; 10:03 a.m.

BABY BOY D; 4 lbs, 15.8 oz; 10:04 a.m.

The Malones chose not to name the babies until Kelly could meet their children in person. The Malones have one older son, Thomas Michael II, 3.

Following delivery, the infants are being cared for by Phoenix Children’s Hospital’s neonatology specialists. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), located inside Banner Good Samaritan, is operated by Phoenix Children’s Hospital. The connection between the two hospitals means mom can recover at Banner Good Sam, but remain only an elevator ride away from her babies.

Dr. Malone is a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist in Columbus, as is his father. Clearly, much research and consideration went into the Malone’s plan of care for this high-risk pregnancy.

After choosing to deliver at Banner Good Samaritan, Kelly arrived in Arizona in May to be near her physicians. Unlike most multiple moms, Kelly was able to remain in the community until this past Saturday (33 weeks, 5 days) with frequent visits to the hospital and physician offices for IV therapy and careful monitoring of the babies’ growth and well-being.

Dr. Elliott, his colleagues at Phoenix Perinatal Associates and the nursing staffs at Banner Good Samaritan and Phoenix Children’s Hospital, have developed an international reputation for their care and management of women delivering high-order multiples (triplets or more). Banner Good Samaritan has delivered about 75 sets of quadruplets, six sets of quintuplets and two sets of sextuplets.

Most of the quadruplets and quintuplets delivered at Banner Good Samaritan – including the Roberts quadruplets of Savannah, Ga., born in November 2005 and the Brekken quadruplets of Savannah born in November 2006 – have come to Phoenix from another part of the country. This is thought to be more sets of high-order multiples than has been delivered at any other hospital in the U.S., and perhaps the world. Banner Good Samaritan is also a national referral center for many other kinds of high-risk obstetrical cases.

“These nationwide referrals say a lot for the reputation of perinatal and neonatal care provided by Banner Good Samaritan and Phoenix Children’s Hospital, and the physicians at Phoenix Perinatal Associates,” said Dr. Elliott. “We feel we have been very privileged to care for a number of mothers expecting quintuplets and other high-order multiples.”

Individuals wishing to send congratulations, prayers, e-mails and letters of support can contact the Malones through their website at www.malonequads.com.

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center has been providing medical care to Arizona and the Southwest since 1911. Banner Good Samaritan is owned and operated by Phoenix-based Banner Health, a not-for-profit organization, and is a flagship hospital within the system. The hospital was recently named to *U.S. News & World Report’s* “America’s Best Hospitals” list for Gynecology, Heart and Heart Surgery, Kidney Disease and Urology.

Banner Good Samaritan has been recognized as a Magnet facility by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the highest honor a hospital can earn for its nursing care and practices.

** Thirty-eight to 40 weeks is considered full-term in a singleton pregnancy.*

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For updated information on Mrs. Malone, please contact Banner Good Samaritan at 602-239-4411.

For updated information on the quadruplets, please contact Phoenix Children's Hospital at 602-202**Mayo Clinic Arizona, Phoenix Children's Hospital and Pediatric Cardiology Consultants/Pediatric team up as a new collaboration providing ongoing care to patients making the transition from pediatric to adult care.**

Phoenix--- On July 10th at 8:30 a.m., at the Mayo Hospital (5777 East Mayo Blvd.), Mayo Clinic Arizona, Phoenix Children's Hospital and Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants will announce the beginning of a unique collaboration that is significant to the health and well being of adults with congenital heart disease.

New technology, improved diagnosis, and innovative surgical techniques provided by Phoenix Children's and Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants have contributed to a survival rate for congenital heart disease of more than 85 percent and to an increasing need for adult services in Arizona and the Southwest.

"Each of these organizations bring its own unique brand of expertise to help patients transition from the pediatric to the adult health care system in a way that is mindful of the complexities and special needs of these patients." said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Traditionally, these two specialty areas – pediatric and adult care of patients with congenital heart disease have been subspecialties that have been completely separate. Adult patients usually continue to see a pediatric cardiologist because of the lack of specialists in adult congenital heart disease. Yet adult survivors may face further complications that require medical and surgical intervention – including cardiac transplantation in some cases.

"With a solid continuity of care provided by Mayo Clinic, Phoenix Children's and Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants, patients can look forward to a full and productive life and a seamless transition to adult care," said Victor Trasek, MD, President and CEO of Mayo Clinic.

Mayo Clinic

Heart specialists at Mayo Clinic have evaluated and treated thousands of children and adults with congenital heart disease over the past 60-plus years, including mainstream and rare disorders. Treatment in Arizona centers on the adult patient, and specializes in atrial septal defects, congenital valve problems, ventricular septal defects, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and many other disorders. Mayo adheres to the Mayo Clinic Model of Care, where compassionate medical care is delivered in a multi-specialty, integrated system, and where the focus is on the needs of the patients.

Phoenix Children's Hospital

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and one of the 10 largest free-standing children's hospitals in the nation. The Children's Heart Center team at the hospital has a long history of specialized care for children in pediatric cardiology, intensive care and cardiothoracic surgery – from in

utero through adolescence. Importantly, their team of experts pays special attention to the emotional and family-centered care values necessary for a healing environment. Children's will not only bring their extensive knowledge of congenital heart disease to the collaboration, but their nationally regarded, cardiothoracic surgeons skilled in all aspects of congenital heart surgery and transplant techniques.

Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants/Pediatrix

Arizona Pediatric Cardiology Consultants/Pediatrix has more than 20 years' history in the Phoenix area and is the largest pediatric cardiac care facility in the Southwest. Known for their state-of-the-art care and cutting edge technology, they treat children at Phoenix Children's Hospital and other medical centers and also treat adults for complex, congenital heart defects.