

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 marks a milestone anniversary at UTMB. It was a year ago October 13th that the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology reopened in the hospital --- marking the first clinical activity in the hospital following Hurricane Ike. The Department was also the first to open their off-island clinics after Ike, one just three days after the storm.



Baby Jennifer—first baby born at UTMB after Ike

In honor of this extraordinary accomplishment, there will be a reception from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Pediatrics Auditorium, 2.312 Children's Hospital. Representative Craig Eiland will be a guest speaker, as well as Dr. Gary Hankins, Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The first baby born after Ike, Jennifer Ramirez-Hernandez, and her family will be joining the celebration.

Dr. Hankins and his team of physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and staff have been working non-stop since Hurricane Ike, and their efforts are evidenced in the nearly 6,000 deliveries performed at UTMB since the storm. We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all

members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the hospital employees who worked together in an extraordinary manner despite the challenges and difficulties --- both professional and personal --- faced by so many in the last year.



Dr. Hankins being interviewed about the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's post-Ike efforts

Please join us for this historic celebration. For more information, contact Alicia Hernandez, aliherna@utmb.edu, (409) 772-6803.

Sincerely,

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