

For Immediate Release:

Jan. 1, 2022

London Health Sciences Centre welcomes first baby of 2022: Niall Monis

LONDON, Ontario – It’s a boy! London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is pleased to announce the first baby of 2022 has arrived. Baby Niall was born at 12:01 a.m., weighing 6lb 8oz. Niall is welcomed by mom Christine Elgar and dad, Ben Monis. Mom and baby are doing well.

As we leave 2021 behind and move into 2022, LHSC is proud to acknowledge the hard work of all staff and physicians across the hospital this past year, including the labour and delivery team. Here are a few of their accomplishments:

- LHSC welcomes on average more than 5,700 newborns each year
- From April 2020 to November 2021, LHSC welcomed 9,770 “pandemic births”
- In July 2021 LHSC set a new record when the medical team delivered 561 newborns; the hospital’s highest monthly total on record

To welcome the first baby of 2022, the pharmacist-owners of London and area Shoppers Drug Mart stores have generously donated a large gift basket for mom and Niall. Shoppers Drug Mart has proudly served London and the surrounding region for more than 25 years. As a part of their ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of women in their community, the pharmacist-owners and staff of Shoppers Drug Mart stores are pleased to welcome the first baby of the New Year to London.

LHSC and London Health Sciences Foundation would like to thank Shoppers Drug Mart for their generous donation of the gift basket. In addition to the Shoppers Drug Mart gift basket, Children's Health Foundation included a baby onesie and a teddy bear, and London Health Sciences Foundation contributed a handcrafted baby blanket for the first-born baby of the New Year.

About London Health Sciences Centre

As one of Canada's largest acute-care teaching hospitals, LHSC is dedicated to providing exceptional patient care, while championing the spirit of medical advancement through teaching practices and breakthrough research. For 146 years, LHSC has been an integral part of the London community offering compassionate medical care for its people, as well as those across the Southwestern Ontario region, and the world. National and international medical firsts have been pioneered at LHSC, including the discovery of vinblastine and the use of cobalt radiation transforming the lives of people across the globe. Through collaborative partnerships with Western University and over 30 educational institutions, more than 1,800 health care professionals actively seek out training opportunities each year at LHSC, acknowledging the opportunity to work alongside some of Canada's top medical scholars. With more than 15,000 staff, physicians, and residents, LHSC is committed to achieving its vision '*Working together to shape the future of health*'. More information about LHSC can be found at www.lhsc.on.ca.

Contact Information:

Alex Pedersen
Corporate Communications and Public Relations
London Health Sciences Centre
Pager 18218
Alex.Pedersen@lhsc.on.ca

After-hours assistance:

Call LHSC Switchboard at 519-685-8500 and ask to page the communication consultant on-call.

Like us on Facebook at LHSC Canada, follow us on Twitter @LHSCCanada and watch us on YouTube at LHSCCanada.