



## Michelle Babe & Theresa Kellen

December 29<sup>th</sup> is a day Michelle Babe will never forget, it was the day she met her daughter, Theresa, for the first time and the day that St. Luke's began their efforts to save both their lives.

Suddenly, the long anticipated wait of a new bundle of joy joining their family was overshadowed as both mother and daughter fought to see tomorrow.

During an emergency c-section when she was seven months pregnant, Michelle suffered two deadly delivery complications that could have left her family without a mother. Michelle feels she is alive today due to St. Luke's knowledgeable medical staff, as well as technology in labor and delivery and post-partum units, technology purchased by gifts to Children's Miracle Network.

St. Luke's not only saved Michelle's life, but they also work hard to keep Theresa alive. Each day her family watched helplessly as Theresa fought for each breath her first few weeks of life. Through life-saving equipment and services in St. Luke's Auxiliary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, funded by Children's Miracle Network, Theresa grew strong and went home after six weeks.

The family of Michelle and Theresa fully credit St. Luke's life-saving efforts for keeping their girls alive. Both mother and daughter are doing well today and enjoy life as a family of four at home with big brother, Aiden, and father Adam.



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