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## ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL INTRODUCES FIRST BABY TO ARRIVE IN 2012

(LANCASTER, CA – January 1, 2012) — Nearly 6,000 babies are born annually at Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH), and the cycle begins anew each January 1 with the celebration of the first birth of the year. This year, that honor goes to **Dymond Lashay Carpenter**, who arrived in the AVH Women and Infants Pavilion on January 1, 2012 at **1:24 a.m.** She weighed **5 pounds, 11 ounces** and was **19.25 inches** in length.



(Left to right) Grandmother Edris Holland, mother and father, Khandi and Darrell Carpenter, pose with baby Dymond.

Dymond is the seventh child born to parents: Khandi and Darrell Carpenter, who are both residents of Lancaster. The attending obstetrician that delivered Dymond was Dietmar Habeck, M.D.

“It is a celebration when the first baby of the year is born,” said Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer. “This tiny human being represents hope for a peaceful and healthy new year in our community and throughout the world.”

AVH President of Medical Staff, Doddanna Krishna, M.D. noted that delivering babies is an honor and a joy for the hospital, which has brought tens of thousands of the Antelope Valley’s residents into the world since its doors opened in 1955.

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The following is a list of gift items for Dymond's family, donated by Antelope Valley Hospital:

**Gift Basket Items:**

Activity frog  
Animal Adventures learning DVD  
Baby Basics photo frames  
Baby Basics toy set  
Baby blankets  
Baby's first photo frame  
Bath Buddy washcloths  
Bear and dog pillow  
Brown plush baby bunny  
Car seat  
Crib mirror  
Honeypot plush teddy bear  
Huggie's baby wipes  
Just for Her tote bag  
Meal Time Noah's Ark toddler serving set  
My First Teddy large teddy bear  
Ultrasound holder

**About Antelope Valley Hospital**

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit [www.avhospital.org](http://www.avhospital.org) or call (661) 949-5000.

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