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Opening Day!

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, Mo. (1/25/2018)



After years of planning and months of anticipation, the new Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital officially opened on Monday, January 22. The move started at 7:30 am and within two hours 31 babies (including a set of triplets) had been seamlessly moved into their new home on the sixth floor of St. Mary's Hospital.

Because no Opening Day is complete without the St. Louis Cardinals, relief pitcher Brett Cecil and Fredbird made a surprise visit to the NICU to meet with families and staff. They brought Cardinals hats for the babies and took countless pictures with babies, families and staff. Brett Cecil even fed one lucky baby!

The \$15 million state-of-the-art NICU has 36 large private rooms, education space, a family lounge, a large outdoor patio, laundry and showers for families and more.

[Watch this video to learn more about all of the special features in the new NICU.](#)

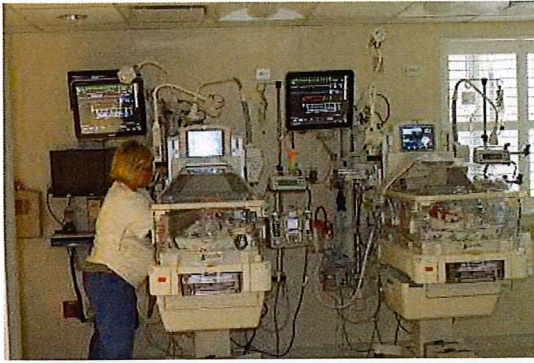


Last huddle in the old NICU



Ready to go!





The 31st and final baby to make the move to the new NICU!



Each baby received a special Opening Day onesie



Even Fredbird has to sign in.



St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Brett Cecil and Fredbird visited with families.



Fredird tested out the couches. He approved.



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