



## News Release

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### **Lourdes Birthplace Welcomes New Manager**

Pasco, WA- Michelle Stevenson, RN, BSN recently joined the management team at Lourdes Health Network as Birthplace Manager. Stevenson relocated from Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center in California where she was employed as Assistant Nurse Manager of the labor and delivery unit. Her background with Kaiser Permanente includes management of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Modesto, CA and the planning and opening of two large hospital perinatal units in California.

Ms. Stevenson has over 20 years experience in perinatal healthcare in addition to her degree in Nursing from California State University. She has several special perinatal care certifications, and is a dedicated member of the Holistic Nurses Association. "Nursing is not just a tasking of medical duties," explains Stevenson. "It is a personal relationship with patients and families who can benefit greatly from our focus on the mind, body and spirit."

The new Birthplace Manager says she was drawn to Lourdes Health Network because their positive mission and philosophy of care so closely resemble her own. "The spiritual and whole person care provided at Lourdes is very attractive to me," she shares. "They make it very easy to stay patient-focused."

Since her arrival, Stevenson has been working closely with the Lourdes' team to highlight the exceptional care and personal attention the Birthplace gives to mothers, babies and their families.

The Birthplace welcomes nearly 400 babies each year and celebrates each new miracle in a way unique to Lourdes. For example, if parents desire it, family and friends are invited to come together for a special newborn blessing ceremony performed by a Lourdes Chaplain. And, each time a child is born at Lourdes, a lullaby graces the halls and wait rooms throughout the hospital. "It can be one of our craziest, most hectic days, but when the lullaby comes on overhead nearly our whole staff will pause, smile and perhaps say a silent prayer for the new family," reflects Amy Smith, a Foundation Specialist at Lourdes Health Network.

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