

Inspirational Stories of Giving
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“YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE
a Millionaire
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Erica Hyland was like any other first time expectant mother. However, when her water broke to reveal meconium she knew all was not well.

She quickly found herself at Groves, but technically she was not going through labour. Erica was induced and with every contraction her baby's heart rate would go down but then quickly recover. Repeated attempts to “vacuum” out her baby were unsuccessful.

At 11:20 p.m. on May 27, 2012 Taylor Hyland was born but he wasn't crying, he wasn't breathing well on his own. The Groves team immediately went to work.

Baby Taylor was stabilized but there were no typical responses in his legs or arms; his oxygen and blood pressure were low.

Physicians and nurses at Groves were on the phone or fax trying to find a bed for him at a hospital with an intensive care nursery. The next morning, Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto answered everyone's prayers.

“It was a very scary ordeal and I was in rough shape. But

everyone at Groves knew how worried I was about my son. They knew I wanted to be with my baby. They did everything they could to fix me up and get me quickly discharged.”

Erica wants to dispel the notion that a “small country hospital” can't handle much or do much in cases of significant medical crises.

“There are a lot of ways to make a very uncomfortable experience positive. It doesn't take a lot of money and it doesn't take a lot of effort.

It takes awareness, caring and respect on the part of the people who are involved and I really got that from everyone at Groves.”

Two and a half years later, baby Taylor is not only an extremely healthy and happy boy, he is also a proud big brother to his younger brother Sydney.

Erica says, “the emotional support you get when you are very vulnerable during a crisis—from certain people you encounter—can be so impactful

that you never forget it.” That is a truth she chose to put into action two months ago.

At eight months pregnant with her second child Erica went in front of the Fyfe Family Foundation board (her employer) and requested a onetime gift of \$30,000 to purchase a brand new Isolette for the Groves Obstetrics Unit (the existing one is at least 30 years old).

The Fyfe Family Foundation unanimously agreed and Groves expects to have the new isolette in early 2015.

“We were exactly where we needed to be for Taylor's birth and my family is very thankful for how it all turned out. And I know that the people at Groves were a big part of that,” Erica says.

“You don't have to be a millionaire to make a difference. When I have the opportunity to show appreciation wherever I can, however I can — I will.”

- Erica Hyland



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