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## NYC First Baby of 2013 Born at the Stroke of Midnight at Elmhurst Hospital Center

New York, NY – As revelers ushered in the New Year in Times Square, a family welcomed a new baby girl at the stroke of midnight on January 1 at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Queens, a member of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC).

Weighing in at 6 lb., 11 oz., little Kaylee Sayuri Merino was born to mother Rosalba Merino and father Eutiquio Mejia at exactly 12:00:00 a.m. Mother and baby are doing well. The baby was delivered by Dr. Ashley Davis and Maria Hernandez, RN. The couple has an older child, Miguel, age 7, who was also born at Elmhurst Hospital.

"We are thrilled and excited that one of the first babies of 2013 was born at Elmhurst," said Chris Constantino, Elmhurst Hospital Center's Executive Director. "Our staff is overjoyed."

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### About Elmhurst Hospital Center

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of 545 beds and is a Level 1 Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911-Receiving Hospital. It is the premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Elmhurst Hospital Center serves an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC

received close to 700,000 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving over 130,000 Emergency Room visits, making it one of the busiest ERs in New York City. Over 4,000 babes were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone-the most in this region. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.