



Saint Alphonus



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Baby Bump: New Parents at Five Treasure Valley Hospitals Get College Savings Boost during IDeal Scholarship Blitz

(BOISE) – On Friday, new parents at five Treasure Valley Hospitals—St. Alphonus Regional Medical Center, West Valley Medical Center, St. Luke’s Meridian, St. Luke’s Elmore County, and St. Luke’s Boise—got a surprise bonus with their newborns: \$529 in an IDeal—Idaho 529 College Savings Program account. The families received the scholarships because their children were the first babies born at each of the hospitals on 529 College Savings Day (5/29), a national effort to encourage college savings. Eleven newborns at hospitals across the state received scholarships, including six funded by St. Luke’s, and five funded by IDeal. The Idaho 529 College Savings Account, also called IDeal, is named after the IRS Tax Code for college savings plans.

- Baby Girl Mila, Born at West Valley Medical Center on May 29, 2015 at 7:29am.
 - Parents: Victoria Keely and Savannah Mallory of Caldwell, Idaho

“The birth of a child is a special time for families—it’s the beginning of a journey and it’s a time when families begin to lay the groundwork for a bright future,” said Christine Stoll, IDeal Executive Director. “College may seem a long way off right now, but setting aside money early establishes the expectation of going on after high school, and it lets families start to chip away at what will be one of the most important investments they ever make.”

Hospital representatives delivered giant checks to each of the families this morning (though the money will be awarded through IDeal accounts in the children’s’ names).

“Helping more Treasure Valley area families save for college is just another way we work to contribute to community health. Numerous studies show that a good education is strongly correlated with better health and happier families,” noted Chris Roth, St. Luke’s senior vice president and chief operating officer.

“Education plays a big role in overall health, but less than half of kids graduating from local schools go to college. We are proud to partner with a program that helps make college a possibility for local families,” stated Betsy Hunsicker, West Valley Medical Center chief executive officer.

An IDeal 529 account is an investment plan that can be opened for anyone by any family member, friend, or loved one, and anyone can contribute to the 529 plan. Unlike a traditional savings account, money invested in an IDeal account has the potential to grow and compound. Idaho taxpayers who contribute to an IDeal account can take a state tax deduction*, and money can be withdrawn from an IDeal account tax free, if used on qualified expenses at any accredited post-secondary institution nationwide. Stoll notes that the flexible tax advantages provide motivation for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends of the account beneficiary to make contributions to the account.

Photos of newborns who received scholarships today, can be found at:

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About IDeal – Idaho College Savings Program

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