



### Dionne's Story

When I found out I was pregnant with our son, I had been watching midwives deliver babies for over 7 years. I just knew that was the experience I wanted for my delivery. This dates back to the very first delivery I saw as a nursing student. Working with midwives just solidified that for me. The bond they form with their patients and the communication throughout the labor and delivery process is what I knew I needed.

Though my husband is also a nurse, he knew nothing about pregnancy and labor except for the stories I told him, so to have our midwife break everything down in layman's terms each visit, was extremely helpful for us. We got to know each other throughout the process and she started to feel more like a friend to us, as opposed to our healthcare provider. It was a great experience.

We struck gold when we went into labor because the midwife whom we had been seeing the entire pregnancy was on call the Sunday night that I went into labor. We drove through the sleet and made it to the hospital safely. We got there at around 4:30am and got to meet our little guy by 9:03am. She continued to explain the whole process so that my husband and mother would understand why our little guy was being whisked off to the NICU team. The support of family, friends and our midwife in the room was unimaginable. We are forever grateful.

~ Dionne F.

