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My name is Peyton Martino and I would like to submit a statement on behalf of Grady Labor and Delivery.



I've been heart broken since hearing the news of Grady Family Birthplace closing. I had F O U R incredible, wonderful child birth experiences at Grady. Every single person that entered my room I felt safe, comforted and truly like mine and my unborn child/newborn mattered to them. That in itself is enough praise after the horror stories from a lot of women.

Here is the part that makes Grady Family Birthplace so special to me.

When Warner passed away he was at Grady ER. The beautiful, incredible humans from L&D (that same L&D that helped bring him into this world 7 months prior) came down stairs to that giant ER bay and they gifted me with hand and foot prints of my sweet baby. They also casted my sweet baby's hands and feet, brought us a blanket, teddy bear and other keepsakes. These things I DEEPLY cherish The point I am making is that they didn't have to!! It's not their job to come down to that ER. They did that for me because they LOVE their jobs and they care about their patients.

With all of the kids I had the same nurse. I was LUCKY! She became like a family friend to my entire family. When I went into labor for Winslow she was not scheduled to work, she came in on her day off to support me during labor and I'll never be able to explain to her what that meant to me.

After doing Winslow's screenings and her bath and all that good stuff. I noticed her crib card. Those beautiful people took some separate foot prints of her that were rainbow She is my rainbow baby, but again my point is that they LOVE their jobs. They are good at their jobs! I am so sad and heartbroken that other women won't get to experience that level of care, compassion, attention and love.

Feel free to share or tag anyone you know that may have worked there so they know how grateful and thankful I am for them choosing to do a job they are passionate about