



Sue Mayborn Women's Center

Metroplex Hospital

Metroplex Hospital is located in the tight-knit community of Killeen, Texas, one of the nation's fastest growing cities. Neighboring Fort Hood, the largest active-duty armored post in the United States brings an influx of soldiers and their young families. Metroplex wanted to consolidate women's health services into one comprehensive center that could meet the area's growing demands and provide state-of-the-art care.

However, the facility is landlocked and the existing labor and deliver rooms (LDRs), nursery and postpartum units were divided by a major public corridor that did not provide physical or visual continuity. O'Connell Robertson's designers overcame the facility's physical restraints by sculpting a transition space from the corridor. Linking the LDRs to the other areas, the corridor was transformed into a nurturing place where visitors and patients could celebrate the miracles of life.

The new oval, womb-shaped room was rotated 30 degrees from the main facility's axis to make the well-baby nurseries the area's focal point. Every visitor can see newborn babies being celebrated by family and friends through the nursery window, reinforcing the wonderful events that occur in hospitals every day. This 30-degree rotation of the nursery plan also optimized expansion of the space while softening the rigid, institutional layout of the existing postpartum wing. The interior design corresponded to the hospital's master color palette and existing design vocabulary, evoking an overall sense of warmth, style and comfort.

The Sue Mayborn Women's Center at Metroplex now offers an increased number of new LDRs, new well-baby and intermediate nurseries, renovated and new postpartum rooms, imaging rooms and outpatient support areas.

Women in the Killeen community have a beautiful and comfortable facility where they can obtain comprehensive healthcare services close to home.

