

Andrea Knapp ended up spending a lot of time in the **O'Bleness Birth Center** prior to giving birth to her daughter, Cynthia, last March.

"The Birth Center nurses were just great," Andrea said.

Andrea's second pregnancy seemed to progress normally for the first seven months; then she began experiencing dizziness and a racing heart. Andrea's physician, Jack Chan, MD, an obstetrician with **Athens Obstetrics and Gynecology**, referred her to MidOhio Cardiology and Vascular Consultants, which has offices in O'Bleness' **Cornwell Center for Cardiovascular and Diabetes Care**.

"The cardiologist did a test at the Cornwell Center that showed I have two holes in my heart," Andrea said. The repair to Andrea's heart would have to wait until after her baby was born. Any intravenous fluids Andrea would need would have to be filtered to keep excess air from traveling to her heart. Andrea was able to have the filtering at O'Bleness.

"I had early contractions several times and I had to come to the Birth Center. The nurses used a filtered IV to give me fluids, checked my heart and monitored the baby," Andrea said.

On March 15 Andrea delivered her healthy baby girl in **O'Bleness' Birth Center** with no complications. She spent the first night in **O'Bleness' Intensive Care/Coronary Care Unit**.

"The second day I was able to return to the Birth Center where I could be with my daughter," Andrea said. "My care during my hospital stay at O'Bleness was just great!"

Two months after her daughter's birth, Andrea returned to **O'Bleness' Cardiopulmonary Department** to be fitted with a Holter monitor, which helped evaluate the condition of her heart. Andrea's cardiologists plan to close the holes in her heart in a procedure at **Riverside Methodist Hospital** in Columbus.



Andrea and Cynthia Knapp