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MEDIA RELEASE

Women's Health Clinic and the Birth Centre celebrate International Day of the Midwife.

WINNIPEG, MB - May 5th, 2016 – Today is International Day of the Midwife. At Women's Health Clinic, we are committed to providing choice in every aspect of reproductive justice – this includes the model of care and choice of birth place. Women's Health Clinic is in a unique and collaborative partnership with midwives in our province as WHC is responsible for the operations of the Birth Centre. Midwives are the only health providers who can help people birth at home or at the Birth Centre. We appreciate the outstanding job midwives do every single day.

"Almost half of Winnipeg's midwives call the Birth Centre home. We are proud to work in collaboration with midwifery and WHC's Mothers Program, as the Birth Centre has become a centre for pregnant people, parents, caregivers and children," said Trina Larsen, Birth Centre Director. "We want to take a moment to thank the incredible midwives that work with the Birth Centre, throughout Manitoba, and around the world."

Midwives supported 235 admissions for birth and 6000+ pre and postnatal appointments in 2016. WHC compliments midwifery with programming such as prenatal classes with a focus on postpartum mental health, counselling, Coping with Change postnatal classes in both French and English, and workshops in everything from child development to family cooking – all of which are free of charge to the general public.

"For decades, Women's Health Clinic has been standing shoulder to shoulder with our midwives in support of the excellent care they provide to mothers and babies. We salute all of our midwives, today and everyday, and thank them for the professional, compassionate and thoughtful service they provide to Manitoba families," said Theresa Oswald, WHC's Executive Director.

The Manitoba Association of Midwives is hosting an open house at the Birth Centre at 603 St. Mary's Rd. from 1:30 – 4:30pm today, which will include food and games, tours, and photography. For more information about the Manitoba Association of Midwives visit www.midwivesofmanitoba.com.

WHC is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a range of accessible health and mental health services, health education, and advocacy.

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