

Baylor Nursing Alum Starts Midwifery Practice with Her Mother

Epitomizing Baylor's new image campaign "Where Lights Shine Bright" the Morrow family is a beacon of dreams come true. Carla and her husband Shawn Morrow have always believed in the benefits of having a strong education. In fact, Carla went back to school for her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse-Midwifery from the Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing and was in the first cohort to graduate from the midwifery program in 2010. Her daughter Taylor soon followed in her footsteps after completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the LHSON in 2012 and graduated in May 2018 with her DNP in Nurse-Midwifery. This dynamic duo soon had their sights set on something even brighter to pursue.

"As a mother/daughter team, we had always dreamed about practicing as midwives together," said Taylor Morrow Houser. "When deciding how to make that happen, we started looking for a need within the community. We recognized the fact that there is a major shortage in hospital based midwifery care in Dallas. Also, as a former labor and delivery nurse at Baylor University Medical Center, Taylor could see firsthand that Baylor's family-centered culture would be a perfect fit with the midwifery model of care."

Taking a leap of faith, Carla and Taylor opened Dallas Midwife Associates (DMA) in June 2018. "From the moment we created the idea of DMA, we knew this practice would be something special and unique for the women of Dallas," said Taylor. The new modern, boutique-style midwifery care office

is in the long-standing location of Dr. Alejandro Singer's busy OBGYN practice on Swiss Avenue. Carla and Taylor explained that they fell in love with the beautiful historic house the moment they saw it and knew their clients would feel very comfortable and at-home in this setting. "We do not want women to have a typical 'doctor's office' experience when coming to us for their care. We want them to feel relaxed in a very personalized setting, and this historic home is the perfect place," said Taylor. Dr. Singer serves as a collaborating physician at the DMA office. He also has a seasoned background at Parkland Hospital and has been practicing as an OBGYN for over 25 years.

"We have rather big plans for this practice and are hopeful in changing the way women are cared for as individuals and how women birth in the hospital," said Taylor. "We want to develop strong relationships not only with our clients but also with the community, our colleagues and the hospital supporting our practice."

"We are both proud to have been prepared in midwifery by the LHSON," said Taylor. "For us it means excellence in both our training and leadership skills. The midwifery program is not only scholarly and rigorous, it also develops midwives professionally offering support to graduates long after graduation. We are grateful to be part of such an excellent academic institution.

Today is just the beginning, and as we grow with this community we are equally excited to share how midwifery care can positively impact the families in Dallas."

