



# MIDWIFE OF THE MONTH

I'd like to nominate Jackie for Midwife of the Month.

Jackie joined the Thames Valley Midwives team in 2008. Originally from the Oxford County area, Jackie moved to England in 2001 to obtain her midwifery qualification at the Nottingham University. Follow her training she remained in the UK for another three and a half years, providing midwifery care for low and high-risk families and their babies at a busy Tertiary Care Birth Unit. Prior to commencing her career in London, ON, she spent three months volunteering at a rural maternity hospital in D.R. Congo. In April of 2008, Jackie completed the International midwifery Pre-registration Program through Ryerson University in Toronto. As part of the course requirement, she worked for three months with a midwifery practice based in Guelph.

I admire Jackie's drive to create a sustainable midwifery model that provides excellent client care with work life balance. As we all know, scheduling and on call life make our profession extremely challenging. My eyes were opened when Jackie returned from an extended maternity leave with the creation of a new model that could allow her to work a job that she is so passionate about, all while ensuring she could have more time at home with her young family. This is truly inspiring and has had a large impact on our practice. Furthermore, Jackie is an excellent preceptor and mentor and has had an active involvement in supporting a new practicum for a perinatal support worker.

Jackie is also very involved in the department with her participating in the Hospitalist Working Group and the Conference Planning Working Group. Jackie brings a perspective to the department that is refreshing and creative.

If that isn't enough, Jackie is also a pleasure to attend births with. She is so thoughtful and can sort out a gift basket like no other. If we are sick or struggling with something personally, Jackie is always there to check in and drop off some delicious food for us.

We are lucky to have her in our TVM family. We love you Jackie.

“Congratulations Jackie on Midwife of the Month. You are such a treasure to the Department of Midwifery”

-KATIE FISHER, HEAD OF MIDWIFERY

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