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SPECIAL DELIVERY: Calvary midwife and Midwife of the Year nominee Darian Turner with twins Addysen Rose, left, and Bobby Lee Nossiter.
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Midwives get bundle of thanks

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IT is easy to forget the little things when a baby enters the world, but more often than not a midwife is integral in the process.

Today, International Midwives Day, is the day to say thanks and show appreciation for the specialist nurses.

Celebrations began early at Tasmania's largest private maternity care provider, Calvary Health Care, yesterday.

There was extra cause for celebration as two Calvary midwives, Leah Avery and Darian Turner, have been nominated in the Johnson & Johnson Midwife of the Year awards.

Ms Avery, also the maternity nurse manager, said it was very flattering to be acknowledged for doing a job she loved.

"It is a privilege to work with mothers at this very special part of their life," she said.

"The most rewarding

part for me is being able to follow the journey of pregnancy and being there at that special moment when baby arrives."

New mum Lisa Nossiter knows just how important midwives are after delivering twins, Addysen Rose and Bobby Lee, last week at Calvary.

"I've been having a few problems along the way but having the midwives about has been just great," Mrs Nossiter said.

"They're very caring and kind and have a lot of knowledge to offer."

More than 800 babies are delivered at Calvary each year.

Chief executive Michael Krieg said his staff of 41 midwives were highly valued.

"They play an integral role in our team and they're pretty special people," he said.

Today the team will also celebrate Calvary's new Antenatal Team Care program.