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Local Medical Center Starts Fund for Low Income Patients



The Onyx Fund for Women is designed to help patients like Onix, pictured above with her daughter Sofia, afford downpayments for important gynecological procedures.

SALINAS, Calif - Today the Natividad Medical Foundation announced a fund that will help low income families pay for the cost of surgery. The Onyx Fund, was inspired by a woman named Onix who was diagnosed with moderate fibroid tumors, during the C-section delivery of her daughter four years ago.

The 100,000 dollar price tag kept Onix from receiving the surgery despite her urgent need to have the tumors removed. She finally returned to the hospital to seek help when the tumors when they became more painful. After struggling to come up with \$3000.00 for the down payment, she was finally able to schedule the surgery about a year ago. The goal of the fund is to reduce the number of women who delay surgery because of it's cost, by helping them with the down payment.

The Natividad Medical Foundation is raising money to support the Onyx Fund for Women by seeking donations and by selling Onyx necklaces.

For more information please visit www.theonyxfund.com or call (831)755-4187.