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SAFE HAVEN REUNION – Sixteen month-old Hannah (right), who was given up by her birth mother at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center on Christmas Day 2007 under Connecticut's Safe Haven Act, returned to the Hospital recently with her new parents, Holly and David, for a news conference promoting the law. The act allows birth mothers to surrender infants less than 30 days old for adoption with no questions asked by giving them to a nurse in a hospital emergency department. Here, the new family shares a moment with Jeanine Laine, R.N., (left), one of the nurses on duty when Hannah was brought to Saint Francis. Since the Safe Haven law was adopted in 2000, eleven newborns have been given up for adoption at Connecticut Hospitals.