

**LONG DISTANCE GREETINGS** – *Mariela Hotard introduces newborn daughter Daniela to her father, U.S. Marine Corporal Brandon Hotard, via a computer/satellite hook-up between Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Fallujah, Iraq. The video link was arranged by the Freedom Calls Foundation, which has a satellite network dedicated to providing video conferencing, telephone and Internet services to members of the military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, allowing them to keep in touch with their families. The link allowed Corporal Hotard to see his first daughter only hours after she was born at Saint Francis and attracted local news coverage.*

