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Tony LeBlanc, the owner of the Crown street Shoppers Drug Mart, holds a photo of himself and his four month old daughter.

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# Shoppers Drug Mart to support Maternal Fetal Assessment Clinic

Five greater Saint John stores aim to raise \$25,000 for hospital

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Saint John • The five Shoppers Drug Mart locations in greater Saint John are partnering to fundraise for the Saint John Regional Hospital's Maternal Fetal Assessment Clinic. The stores are co-operating with the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation.

From now until Oct. 8 the stores will be selling donation signs for between \$1 and \$50 dollars that will be hung around the inside of the buildings and in the windows. There will be tickets sold each Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the hospital for a gift bag that the Shoppers stores have put together.

Tony LeBlanc is the owner of the Shoppers Drug Mart on Crown Street and wants to see tens of thousands raised during the campaign.

"The collective goal is probably over \$25,000 for the five stores all together ... we're hoping with great support from the community and from the foundation to be able to beat our goal,"

LeBlanc has a personal connection to the Maternal Fetal Assessment Clinic that makes the fundraising campaign hit close to home for him. His wife, Lori LeBlanc, spent time in the clinic while she was pregnant with the couple's daughter Eloise Rose LeBlanc.

"When we had our meeting with our physician in the community we found that there was something that needed more testing, so we were referred to the clinic ... it blew us away the care that we had while we were at the clinic," he said.

LeBlanc's daughter is now a healthy four-month-old.

The fundraising campaign is part of Shoppers Drug Mart's annual Grow Women's Health initiative taking place across the country.

This is the first year in the greater Saint John region that it has focused on the Maternal Fetal Assessment Clinic.