



## **RAC Rescue Helicopter - Tisha's story**

Most people will mention a city or a country when asked where they were born, but this is not the case for smart and imaginative toddler, Skye. When Skye grows up, she will be able to tell people she was born between Collie and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital on board the RAC Rescue Helicopter.

It all started when sixteen year old expectant mother, Tisha Grubi, was rushed to Collie Hospital after going into labor with her first child.

Ms Grubi was six months pregnant at the time and needed urgent medical treatment in Perth. With an ambulance unable to make the journey in time, the RAC Rescue Helicopter was called to transport Ms Grubi and her unborn baby to safety.

"Whilst trying to contain the painful contractions, not knowing what to do, I opened my eyes to a big bright yellow helicopter," recalled Ms Grubi. "It was quite overwhelming really."

The specially trained crew loaded Ms Grubi into the RAC Rescue Helicopter and within minutes they were in the air.

A critical care paramedic worked quickly to stabilise Ms Grubi during the transfer, but ten minutes from Perth it was decided the baby needed to be delivered right then and there.

"The situation was a total haze, but when I sat up after Skye was born I can vividly remember the scene where Roland, the paramedic on board, did all he could to keep my delicate little baby breathing," said Ms Grubi.

They soon landed at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and it was then that Ms Grubi knew her prayers had been answered and her daughter would survive.

Ms Grubi has turned her life around since that fateful day. The sixteen year old girl who was then abusing drugs and alcohol and suffering domestic abuse is now a proud mother living life to the fullest.

She and her daughter now live in a refuge run by the Esther Foundation and she has dreams of returning to Uganda after a recent mission trip to build an orphanage for disadvantaged children.

As the leading membership organisation in Western Australia, the RAC is committed to building stronger, safer communities and is proud to support the RAC Rescue Helicopter and the essential role it plays in making Western Australia a safer place to live.