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First baby of 2005 barely made it to hospital

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Luca Francesco Scrofano doesn't believe in wasting time.

Luca, the first baby born in 2005 at Markham Stouffville Hospital, was not only 10 days early, he came within minutes of being born on the Markham Bypass.

"He was almost born in the car," his mother, Anna Maria Scrofano, said.

Despite the rush from her home in Stouffville to the hospital, it was a normal delivery. Luca weighed in at six pounds, 14 ounces and he's perfect in every way.

His father, Anthony Scrofano, and big brother Matteo, 2, are thrilled with his arrival, which came at 3:08 a.m. Jan. 1.

Mrs. Scrofano's family, owners of the Villa Italian Bakery, are celebrating at the shop on Edward Street in Stouffville.

'LITTLE BAKER'

"We've got another little baker," Mrs. Scrofano said.

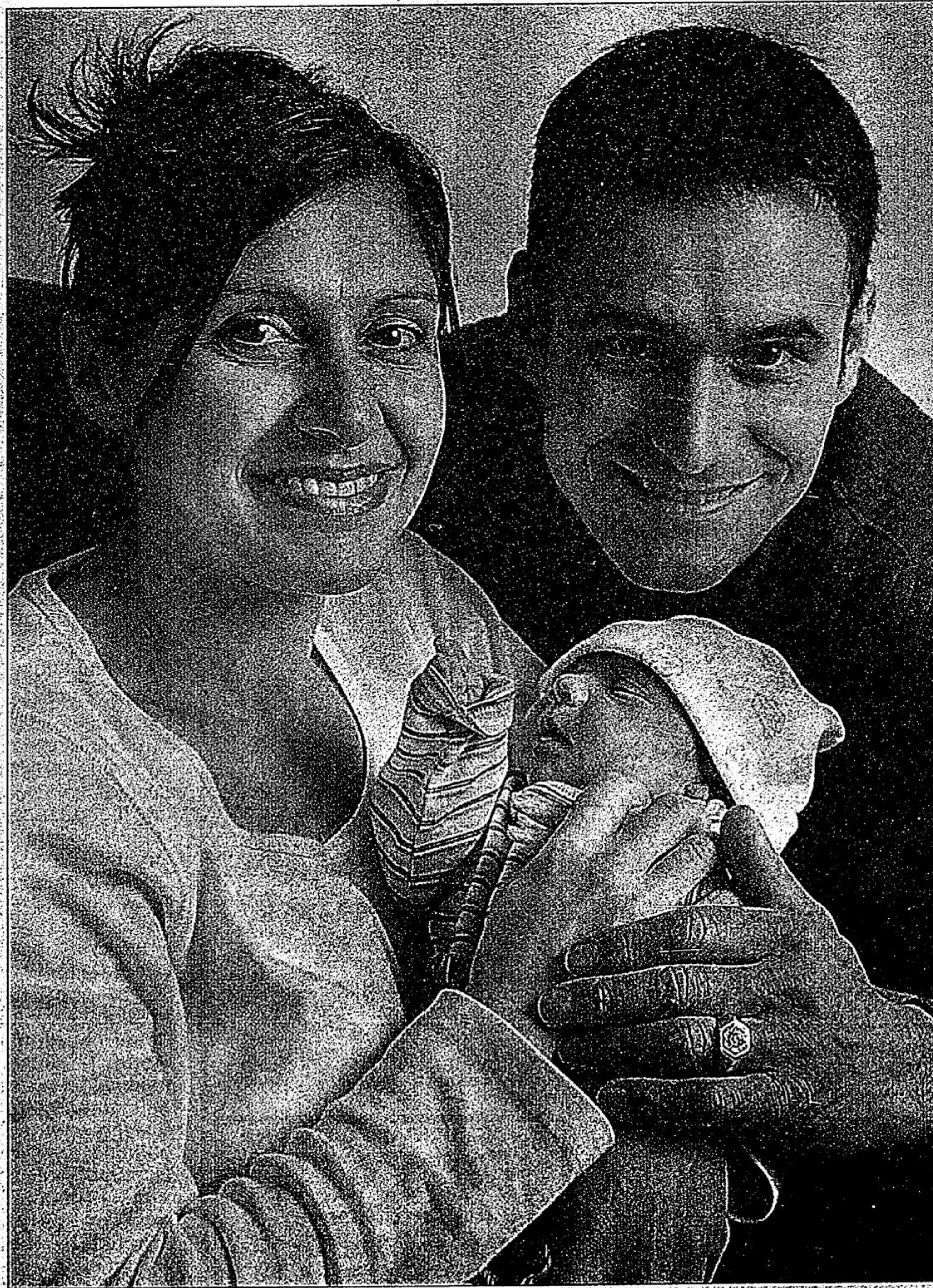
Stouffville's newest resident arrived home Monday.

Welcoming Luca into the family are grandparents Frank and Teresa Cassano and Vincenza and Corrado Scrofano and great grandparents Anna Carpino, Grace Nolasco and Francesco Cassano.

David and Adrienne Wilson thought they may have had Stouffville's first baby of the year. The couple are the proud parents of Bailey, born Jan. 1 at 12:55 p.m. at Markham Stouffville, weighed in at seven pounds eight ounces.

Although many new parents would find it overwhelming to raise one infant, the Wilson's will have double

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New kid in town

Luca Scrofano, with parents Annamaria and Anthony Scrofano of Stouffville, was the first baby born at Markham Stouffville Hospital in 2005 at 3:08 a.m. Jan. 1, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces. He has a two-year-old big brother, Matteo.

ROTARIANS, TOWN, CHURCH COLLECT FOR VICTIMS

Town digs deep for victims of tsunami

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As heartwrenching scenes of the death, misery and destruction caused by the tsunami in southern Asia continue to appear on TV screens and in newspapers, Whitchurch-Stouffville residents have begun donating funds to support relief work in India, Sri Lanka and other countries hit hard by the disaster.

More than 150,000 people have died since the tsunami hit Dec. 26. Millions are homeless, surrounded by destroyed buildings with no food or clean water.

The Rotary Club of Stouffville has raised more than \$1,300 in short order for \$11 kits of basic supplies such as plates, spoons, pots and sleeping mats, to be distributed by the Rotary Club in Madras, India. The Madras club hopes to distribute 5,000 kits by next week.

AGENCIES IN AFFECTED AREAS

To increase the likelihood supplies will reach those who need them, the Stouffville club and other Canadian organizations are working directly with agencies in the affected areas.

Donations to the Rotary relief effort can be made at the Canadian Tire store in Stouffville in clearly marked envelopes.

The town has opened a bank account at the CIBC on Main Street to receive tsunami donations. As funds accumulate, they will be distributed to agencies such as the Red Cross. The account, 842-183-5637, will remain open until February.

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