Giuliana Rancic: "Everything Feels Complete Now"

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After a long road to parenthood, Bill and Giuliana Rancic are "loving every minute" with their 5-week-old son Duke. The proud new parents have teamed up with CBR (Cord Blood Registy) and "Healthy Futures" to talk about the importance of saving cord blood stem cells.

Giuliana opens up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about "savoring" moments with her "dream baby," fighting over midnight feeds with Bill, and "enjoying being on maternity leave and spending as much time with Duke" before her return to work in November.

CBS: Congratulations on the arrival of baby Duke! What kind of baby is he? Are you getting any sleep?

GR: Thank you! We are thrilled to have Duke in our lives and could not be happier parents. Life with Duke is great — he has been a dream baby! We are getting some sleep but we're also waking up every few hours to feed him and change him... Bill and I sometimes fight over who is going to get up with him because we both want to savor every single moment with Duke.

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CBS: Tell us about teaming up with CBR® (Cord Blood Registry®) and "Healthy Futures," to educate expectant parents about the value of cord blood stem cells.

GR: We went through a lot of health struggles before finally being able to announce we were pregnant. Infertility, a miscarriage, and then a breast cancer diagnosis — it was quite a journey. Because it was hard for us to get Duke into this world, we wanted to make sure we did everything we could as

parents to make sure he had the best life possible, and that included banking his umbilical cord blood with CBR (Cord Blood Registry). When preparing for a new baby, every parent always makes a list of things they need to do before the baby comes. Cord blood banking should definitely be one of those 'checklist' items. Cord blood is full of millions of stem cells that could change or even save a child's life one day.

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CBS: We saw that you've already returned to work (at the recent Emmy Awards). Was it hard to leave baby Duke?

GR: I did return to work for *E!'s Live From The Red Carpet* for the 64th Emmy Awards. It was incredibly difficult to leave Duke and I can empathize with working moms. The night before I left, I was actually sobbing into Bill's arms because I didn't want to leave him... As Duke gets older, Bill and I are going to make it a priority to find a balance between work and our family.

CBS: It sounds like your experience with a gestational carrier was very positive. Are you planning to hire another surrogate in the near future? Or maybe you'll try for your own pregnancy? Or adoption?

GR: We had an amazing gestational carrier that we cannot thank enough for all that she has done for our family. As for the future, we are not ruling anything out, but for now we are focusing on enjoying Duke and savoring all of these new moments with him.