



Answering The Call

2022

Impact Report



Freedom Kolb
CEO

Our milk donors, financial supporters, and volunteers rallied in record numbers to help babies and their families navigate an incredibly difficult year. **Thank you for being a source of hope and a safety net for the most vulnerable.**

Let's celebrate the amazing stories inside and the impact you've made for all those born too small, too sick, or too soon.

For premature & low birthweight infants, a 100% human milk diet reduces mortality by 75%.* Our priority is critically ill infants in the hospital and **75%** of pasteurized donor human milk was dispensed for these tiny patients in 2022. At The Milk Bank, our **mission** is to save infant lives and improve health outcomes by providing access to safe human milk. Our **vision** is that every baby has access to safe human milk.

*Steven A. Abrams, Richard J. Schanler, Martin L. Lee, and David J. Rechtman. 1 July 2014. Greater Mortality and Morbidity in Extremely Preterm Infants Fed a Diet Containing Cow Milk Protein Products. Breastfeeding Medicine. ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/...08.8%E2%80%939327.8%25)

STORIES THAT NEED TO BE TOLD

Our work is centered in Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri. **Behind every number, there's a family with a story about the life-saving impact of donor milk.**



“As a pediatric nurse, Isamar recognized the important role donor milk plays in the health of her patients.

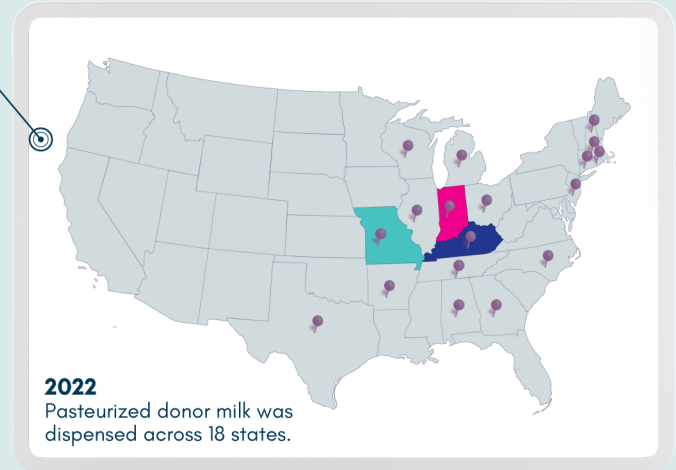
After the birth of her son, she became a milk donor and started making donations at the Cole County Health Department Milk Depot. To the parents of the babies who received her milk, she shares **“I really hope that your child is growing. It brings me so much joy to help so many children.”** – Isamar

“In the first few days of Evelyn's life, mom Morgan experienced preeclampsia, hemorrhage, and surgeries. When Evelyn refused formula & health issues prevented breastfeeding, their doula suggested The Milk Bank.

“It gave me relief. Knowing she was being taken care of was what got me through that.” To the milk donors, “Thank you for being there for my baby. **Thank you for nurturing her when I couldn't.**” – Morgan

“Everything was fine until delivery, when Johnna developed an infection that can cause serious complications for mom and baby. Baby Henry spent a week in the NICU. Breastfeeding issues & separation effected her milk supply.

“I appreciated that for as long as we could, we were able to have donor milk. I'm not an overproducer – but because Henry had to use donor milk, **I told myself I would donate milk to help families like we were helped.** –Johnna



OUNCES TO
FRAGILE BABIES IN
THE HOSPITAL & AT
HOME



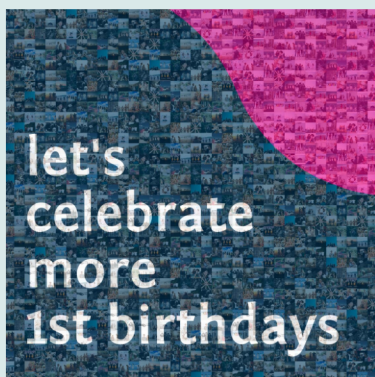
FEEDINGS FOR
FRAGILE PATIENTS



INCREASE IN TOTAL
DISPENSATION **OVER
2021**



ACTIVE MILK
DONORS **ACROSS
25 STATES**



AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

As a parent, few situations are more terrifying than not being able to feed your child. Due to the formula shortage in 2022, many parents faced this reality.

While The Milk Bank has always served families at home with a medical need, during 2022 the organization **quickly**

pivoted to serve larger numbers and embrace healthy infants who desperately needed basic nutritional options.



FAMILIES RECEIVED DONOR MILK PRO BONO THROUGH OUR **MEDICAL RELIEF FUND**



BABIES **HONORED** BY BEREAVEMENT MILK DONATION



OUTPATIENT FAMILIES SERVED AT HOME – **A 26% INCREASE**

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

As we received an unprecedented amount of requests for assistance, The Milk Bank turned to supporters for help and **you answered**.

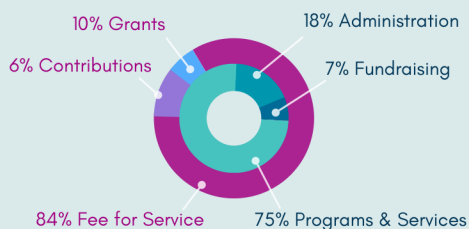
Individuals came alongside companies and foundations to provide funding to formulate an emergency response while meeting the increased demand from hospitals.

The philanthropic response resulted in a record-breaking \$400,000. **Every bit of generosity was put to good use:**

- Over \$225,000 in pro-bono milk to families
- Increased number of donation & dispensation sites
- Expanded milk lab & new equipment
- Additional staff necessary to meet increased needs



REVENUE & EXPENSES*



*Data submitted for audit.

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Stay connected with The Milk Bank. Your support is a lifesaving investment in your community and gives fragile babies the best chance to survive and thrive.