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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.


**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.

Jefferson City, MO

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

Indianapolis, IN

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

Lexington, KY

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

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

- **483,202** Ounces to fragile babies in the hospital & at home
- **1,44M+** Feedings for fragile patients
- **14%** Increase in total dispensation over 2021
- **1,055** Active milk donors across 25 states

2022 Pasteurized donor milk was dispensed across 15 states.
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