

At Mothers' Milk Bank California, our mission is clear: every newborn, especially the most vulnerable, requires a healthy start in life. As the nation's oldest nonprofit milk bank, our legacy is founded on providing life-saving nourishment through donated human milk.

Through our specialized program, Mothers' Milk Bank California Cares, we are dedicated to providing comprehensive care and support at every stage of an infant's life. Community partners recruit new milk donors at our collection centers, while our hospital partnerships ensure that newborns in critical need receive donor human milk. We also extend our services to outpatient care, ensuring comprehensive coverage across all aspects of babies' needs.

With a steadfast focus on safety, effectiveness, and empathy, we collaborate to aid community partners, hospitals, caregivers, and families in fostering the health and well-being of our smallest patients in need of comprehensive care. We invite you to join us in this endeavor to make a meaningful impact on the lives of babies in need, one precious life at a time.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By partnering with Mothers' Milk Bank California Cares, you provide an additional layer of support to your most fragile patients. Together, we can save lives, enhance growth, and improve the long-term health outcomes of premature and ill newborns.

For more information or to join our program, please contact:

MMB Cares
Mothers' Milk Bank California
Phone: (877) 375-6645
Email: info@MothersMilk.org

Lourdes Chicas, Outreach Specialist
Office (408) 638-2846
Lourdes.Chicas@MothersMilk.org

CAMilkBank.org/cares



MOTHERS'
MILK BANK
CALIFORNIA

A HEALTHY START FOR OUR TINIEST PATIENTS



MOTHERS'
MILK BANK
CALIFORNIA



A HEALTHY START FOR OUR TINIEST PATIENTS





HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS

Donor Milk Collection and Processing

We collaborate with numerous collection centers throughout California and beyond to recruit milk donors and gather surplus breast milk. Each donation undergoes rigorous testing and quality assurance procedures to ensure safety. Collected milk is pooled and pasteurized to eliminate potential pathogens while preserving its nutritional value.

Hospital Partnerships and Distribution

Processed donor milk is distributed directly to NICUs, well-baby, and baby-friendly units through our partnerships with hospitals, ensuring that the babies who need it most receive this vital resource. Our milk bank maintains a consistent supply to provide uninterrupted care.

Outpatient Services

Upon discharge from the hospital, we continue to support infants through outpatient services. We supply donor human milk to mothers facing challenges in milk production, ensuring their babies receive continued nourishment as they transition home.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), each year, more than 300,000 infants in the U.S. require neonatal intensive care. Donor milk helps improve their outcomes by reducing the risk of infections, supporting healthy development, and aiding digestion.



BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH MOTHERS MILK BANK CALIFORNIA CARES

Comprehensive Care Approach

We offer support at every stage, beginning with recruiting potential donors who generously contribute extra breast milk. We work hand-in-hand with hospitals and the NICU to guarantee that babies receive donated milk in case their mother's milk is unavailable. We extend our care with outpatient services for babies upon discharge, ensuring a seamless continuum of support for families.

Elevated Patient Well-being

Access to donor human milk elevates the well-being and development of your NICU patients. It supports growth and development and offers protection against diseases, infections, allergies, sickness, and obesity.

Reduced Complications

Donor human milk helps mitigate the risk of necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) and other complications associated with prematurity, promoting better health outcomes for your patients.

Support for Infants in Need

Our program supports families who face challenges in producing sufficient breast milk, ensuring that infants receive the essential nutrition they need during this critical period.

About Us

Established in 1974, Mothers' Milk Bank California is the oldest operating nonprofit milk bank in North America. We collect, screen, pasteurize, and distribute donor human milk to Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) and families across the United States. As a founding member of HMBANA, we set industry standards for milk donation and pasteurization, ensuring the highest levels of care and safety for everyone we serve.

Our Commitment

We understand the critical importance of breast milk for premature and ill newborns. Breast milk is the gold standard for infant nutrition, offering a unique combination of essential nutrients, growth factors, and immunological properties that significantly improve the health and future of your patients. Should mom's own breast milk not be available, or if she is unable to breastfeed, donor human milk is the second best option to mom's own milk.