



Mothers' Milk Bank  
— OF NORTH TEXAS —

# THE BANK STATEMENT 2017 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



The mission of Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas is to improve the health & survival of critically ill infants through the safe provision of pasteurized donor human milk.



Amy Vickers, MSN, RN, IBCLC,  
Executive Director

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEW BABIES ... NEW BUILDING ... NEW BEGINNINGS

Newborns . . . They signify pure joy, renewal, innocence, and hope for the future. However, when a baby is born too soon or with a serious medical condition, nothing instills more fear, shock and anguish. Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas is proud to be a part of the journey to wellness alongside a very compassionate and caring community.

In 2017, we partnered with more than **900 generous mothers** who donated thousands upon thousands of ounces of surplus breastmilk. We collaborated with **85 hospitals** whose devoted nurses and physicians are the "boots on the ground" in life-saving NICUs. A record **568,957 ounces** processed in our lab served babies across North Texas and beyond. In November, we broke ground on a new facility, made possible by individuals from all walks of life and occupations. Numerous foundations and organizations also invested generously in this capital campaign, which to date is **95 percent funded**.

Without advocates for the most vulnerable in our population, we could not expand our services and build a new state-of-the-art laboratory with triple the capacity to process safe, donor human milk. We look forward to finishing our campaign in 2018 and see last year's teamwork and planning come into place.

A heartfelt thank you for your part in such a momentous year. I hope you will stay along for the ride to watch us grow.



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# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



Donor Appreciation Day at the Fort Worth Zoo



Tarrant County Family Expo & Big Latch On



Bright Beginnings awareness campaign



Groundbreaking at our new location



13th anniversary luau



Volunteer groups from Gainesville WIC, Liberty Mutual and Trinity Valley School



One of many expos MMBNT attended in 2017

HMBANA Symposium



Carmen's Tree Memorial for bereaved milk donors and their families



luncheon, Little Babies & Big Dreams, held at River Crest Country Club



Filming and Facebook Live segment for WFAA feature

# HEALING AT HOME WITH DONOR MILK



Mikayla with Zae'Lyn

Zae'Lyn was born on February 24, 2017 with a birth defect called gastroschisis, a condition that caused his intestines to extend outside of his body through a hole near his belly button. His mother, Mikayla, found out about the defect when she was only 9 weeks pregnant. She was induced at 36 weeks when doctors discovered Zae'Lyn had stopped growing.

Zae'Lyn weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces and had surgery to repair the defect within hours of birth. He remained hospitalized for 5 weeks, under close observation for complications like sepsis and necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a life-threatening gut infection.

Although breastmilk can protect babies with gastroschisis, Mikayla struggled with providing an adequate supply. The NICU ordered donor milk and Zae'Lyn improved and gained weight. He has been receiving it by prescription at home ever since.

Today, you would never know Zae'Lyn started life with a serious medical condition. He weighs 18 pounds, has already started walking, and loves fruit and vegetables. Mikayla says his first birthday celebration will most certainly include his favorite character: Elmo!

Twenty to thirty percent of medically needy babies served by MMBNT receive donor human milk at home. Families are never turned away based on their ability to pay milk processing fees. In 2016, we provided **\$430,114** of charitable care for outpatients.

## COMING FULL CIRCLE: CASSANDRA'S DONOR STORY

Cassandra is no stranger to donor milk. It nourished her son, born 9 weeks premature in 2009, until her own supply came in. So when she gave birth to daughter Colbie in May 2017 and developed an oversupply of breastmilk, she knew she wanted to give back to fragile babies, fighting in the NICU like her own son did 8 years earlier.

"I love that I am able to pay it forward," Cassandra said. "I know someone else made the selfless decision and donated milk for my son. It feels good to have the opportunity to do the same for someone else."

Another thing that feels good? Having the whole family together. Cassandra's husband recently returned from Afghanistan, after being deployed as soon as Cassandra found out she was pregnant. He attended Colbie's birth via Skype and they had a quick visit in September, but there's nothing quite like having the entire family home.



Cassandra, baby Colbie and son Connor, with her husband Skyping in from his deployment in Afghanistan

While Cassandra's experience may seem unique, she has advice that can be helpful for many breastfeeding and pumping moms. She encourages moms to be patient, and to use the resources available to them. "Educate yourself. Ask questions. Talk with other nursing moms," she said. "There isn't one thing that I have questioned or experienced that someone else didn't reassure me that they experienced too!"



# HELP US GROW

## EXTRA BREASTMILK IN YOUR FREEZER? BECOME A MILK DONOR

If you have extra breastmilk in excess of your baby's needs, become a milk donor and help fragile and premature infants. It's simple! Call 817-810-0071 or visit [www.texasmilkbank.org/donate-milk](http://www.texasmilkbank.org/donate-milk) to start the process:

1. Complete a phone interview and return a medical history form.
2. Have your blood drawn at a local lab (we cover the fees).
3. Drop off your frozen milk at donor depot conveniently located near you.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND VOLUNTEER

We love our volunteers! Join our team and help with community education projects, administrative needs, and special events. For more information, contact Mary Ashley Ray at [maryashley@texasmilkbank.org](mailto:maryashley@texasmilkbank.org).

## HELP US BUILD A BIGGER MILK BANK WITH A GIFT TODAY

Our current growth trajectory can only continue with the completion of a new milk processing facility in southwest Fort Worth. More Room for More Miracles: The Campaign for Healthy Babies will enable us to expand services and process donor milk in a lab with triple our current capacity. Here's how YOU can help us make more miracles:

- Return the enclosed giving envelope or mail a check to:  
Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas  
600 W. Magnolia Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104
- Make a gift online at [www.texasmilkbank.org/donate](http://www.texasmilkbank.org/donate)
- If you need assistance making your gift, contact Amy Vickers, Executive Director, at 817-810-0071 or [amy@texasmilkbank.org](mailto:amy@texasmilkbank.org)





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**MAKING MORE MIRACLES  
EVERY YEAR**

## 2017 BY THE NUMBERS



**568,957**

OUNCES DISPENSED  
TO BABIES IN NEED



**923**

APPROVED MILK DONORS



**59,420**

MINIVAN MILES PICKING  
UP & DELIVERING MILK



**43**

MILK DROP OFF  
LOCATIONS/DEPOTS



**85**

HOSPITALS SERVED



**76%**

OF MILK SERVED  
NICU BABIES

**24%**

SERVED OUTPATIENT  
BABIES

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