



mothers' milk bank of north texas

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Safely connecting generous mothers to fragile babies.

Our mission is to improve the health and survival of critically ill infants through the safe provision of pasteurized donor human milk.

We envision a future when **all babies** have the opportunity to receive human milk.

THE BANK STATEMENT REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CELEBRATING OUR BIG MOVE AND MORE HEALTHY BABIES

This year's community report delivers very exciting news. Our brand new 13,090 square foot home is complete and our processing lab is up and running.

It's a wonderful thing to have more space. As expected, we dispensed more pasteurized donor human milk in 2018 than ever before. Although we will miss the charm of Magnolia Avenue, we now have room to grow and the capacity to help more fragile infants for years to come.

While watching our new building take shape in 2018, we were very busy behind the scenes. While the lab hustled day in and day out, 11,000 education packets were distributed to the community. Our new milk donors and their families enjoyed our appreciation event at the Fort Worth Zoo. We also attended the HMBANA (Human Milk Banking Association of North America) conference in Denver and enjoyed the Mimosa Run fundraiser in May.

Several local TV stations featured us in news stories increasing community awareness about milk banking. The Big Latch On event in August was a great success and our anniversary luncheon in September raised a record amount to benefit the More Room for More Miracles capital campaign.

This momentous year could not have happened without YOU and our extended milk bank family. Whether you donated milk, money or time, or shared our mission and our passion, I want to sincerely and wholeheartedly thank you all. Because of your support, the future is bright for us and most importantly, for the babies we serve.

Gratefully,
Amy



Amy Vickers, MSN, RN, IBCLC,
Executive Director

OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



Tarrant County Family Expo & Big Latch On



HMBANA Conference

New Depot - Medical City Lewisville



MMBNT Luncheon

In late 2018 we lost **Beth Weber**, a beloved member of our MMBNT family, to cancer. Beth was a Donor Coordinator who assisted moms through their entire donation journey, from screening to retirement. She was honest and genuine, always putting others' needs before her own.

"Beth had a character that was hard to come by," said Ashley Pearson, Donor/Recipient Coordinator. "She was just a giving person... she had a beautiful heart."

One of our favorite staff memories of Beth is from our office Christmas party, which took place just weeks before her passing. We all had a chance to spend time together and celebrate our tight-knit group.

Beth often commented that she loved working at MMBNT, and we are so grateful to have had her on our team. We will always remember Beth for her courage, positive outlook and caring spirit.





Milk Donors

Mimosa Run



News



MMBNT Luncheon

Volunteers



Zoo Day

COMMUNITY GIFTS BRING CAMPAIGN TO HOME STRETCH



At the conclusion of 2018, MMBNT's first-ever capital campaign was 98.5% complete. Generous community supporters, foundations and organizations gave **\$3,022,278** toward the \$3,067,000 goal. Titled More Room for More Miracles: The Campaign for Healthy Babies, the initiative is still funding construction costs of MMBNT's new home in southwest Fort Worth.

After breaking ground in November 2017, we watched a new **13,000 square foot milk bank** take shape. Over the course of the year, a new parking lot was poured, interior demo started in the existing office space and excavation took place on the site of the milk processing wing. By year's end, the project was in the final stages, with only a punch list of items and final inspections remaining. This new facility has triple the capacity of our previous building and will accommodate MMBNT's consistent growth trajectory for many years to come.

This project was made possible by the charitable financial donors acknowledged on pages 6 and 7 who share our mission and vision for helping fragile babies. In 2018, eleven new corporations, foundations and organizations, along with many new individual advocates, contributed to More Room for More Miracles. We look forward to completing the campaign in 2019 and making more miracles than ever.

If you would like to help us raise 100% of our goal, please return the enclosed gift envelope or visit www.texasmilkbank.org/donate.

Thank you to our wonderful Board of Directors and the following campaign committee members who helped us so much along the way:

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RECIPIENT MOM & NURSE GIVES BACK AS A MILK DONOR

Rainey and her husband Eliazar welcomed their twin girls, Lennyx and Rowyn, into the world at 32.3 weeks. Life came full circle for Rainey, a NICU nurse, as her own daughters were admitted to the NICU.

During the first few hours after delivery, Rainey started pumping. She did not have enough breastmilk on her own, so the twins received donor milk for their first few feedings. It gave them the solid foundation they needed to grow in the NICU.

Soon, Rainey was able to feed Lennyx and Rowyn with her own breastmilk. The girls spent 44 and 41 days in the NICU, respectively, then joined Rainey, Eliazar and big sister Emersyn at home. That's when she realized how much breastmilk she was producing.

With a deep freezer full of milk, Rainey fulfilled her dream of becoming a milk donor.

"I knew the minute I delivered the twins that I wanted to give back, become a part of such a positive group and become a milk donor," she said.

It's meant the world to Rainey to be able to donate her extra breastmilk, just like other mothers do for the babies she treats in the NICU as well as her own daughters. Today, Lennyx and Rowyn are thriving and approaching their second birthday.

"I cannot thank the milk donors who provided milk for my girls for their first day of life, so to be able to turn around and return the favor to another baby in need is an honor."

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moms@texasmilkbank.org

2

Donate money to support our programs:
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3

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TO BABIES IN NEED



44

MILK DROP OFF
LOCATIONS/DEPOTS



908

APPROVED MILK DONORS



88

HOSPITALS SERVED



44,133

MINIVAN MILES PICKING
UP & DELIVERING MILK



66%

OF MILK SERVED
NICU BABIES

34%

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