



# Mothers' Milk Bank

— OF NORTH TEXAS —

The Bank Statement, March 2015

## 2014 – Another Record Year of Donor Milk



*Amy Vickers  
Executive Director*

Compared to previous years, Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas dispensed a record amount of donor milk in 2014, almost half a million ounces. 441,295 ounces is a lot of milk! It is so heartwarming and satisfying that we are continually able to help more and more premature and critically ill infants. This wouldn't be possible without the commitment and dedication of our donor mothers, board of directors, milk bank staff and volunteers.

2014 was also significant because we reached the milestone of dispensing donor milk for 10 years. The 10 Year Anniversary Luncheon in September was a special day of recollection and appreciation. We took a trip down memory lane, heard very special milk donor and recipient stories, and celebrated with friends, supporters and colleagues.

Looking back motivates us to look forward and achieve more each year. We know that 2015 will also be a very good year for the babies who need us most.

## 10th Anniversary Luncheon - Celebrating a Decade of Donor Milk

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas held its 10 Year Anniversary Luncheon on September 18 at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth. Executive Director Amy Vickers, milk bank founder and neonatologist Susan Sward-Comunelli, MD and donor mom Kelley Durrant all spoke at the event. Dr. Sward summarized the occasion, "It was so fulfilling to commemorate MMBNT and its 10 successful years of providing life-saving donor milk for fragile infants."

In addition to celebrating the past 10 years, the luncheon raised funds for MMBNT's charitable care program and newly formed permanent endowment fund. The money

raised will ensure that all infants and young children with a medical need for donor human milk will receive it, regardless of a family's ability to pay.



*Milk Donor Moms*



*Susan Sward-Comunelli,  
MD and Rosie Balbo*

Sponsors of the event included Cook Children's Medical Center, Pediatrix Medical Group, Fort Worth Neonatology, Baylor All Saints Medical Center's Andrews Women's Hospital, Southwest Bank, Pediatrix Medical Group Dallas South, Texas Health Harris Hospital Fort Worth, Pier 1 Imports and The Amy E. Shewbart Foundation. Press coverage included a Fox 4 News story at 5:30 p.m.



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# 2014 STATS

## 2014 Board of Directors

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100 hospitals served

441,295  
OUNCES  
DISPENSED

654  
APPROVED  
MILK DONORS

8  
NEW  
DEPOTS

43,139 MINIVAN MILES  
DELIVERING AND  
PICKING UP MILK

## 8 New Milk Collection Depots Added in 2014

Collecting donor milk for pasteurization at Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas is accomplished in many ways, most commonly through collection sites otherwise known as milk depots. Depots make it easy and convenient for donors to drop off breastmilk. They are equipped with freezers for safe monitoring and storage. Of our 38 current depots, eight were added in 2014 and two, so far, in 2015:



Mississippi Mothers' Milk Bank Donor,  
Carmella Lee

**Alabama:** Mothers' Milk Bank of Alabama, Birmingham

**Arkansas:** Freedom Chiropractic Clinic, Hot Springs  
Independence County Health Unit, Batesville  
Van Buren County Health Unit, Clinton

**Mississippi:** Mississippi Mothers' Milk Bank, Flowood

**Texas:** Texas Health Cleburne  
Texas Health Kaufman  
Covenant Health, Lubbock  
Texas Health Harris Southwest (2015)  
Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth (2015)

# A New & Improved Website: [www.texasmilkbank.org](http://www.texasmilkbank.org)



At MMBNT, we see our website as a window to the world, a first impression, and a tool to communicate many things to many audiences. It was time for an upgrade, and we are excited to announce a new layout that is easy to navigate and graphically pleasing - not to mention, the adorable baby photos that are sure to bring a smile to everyone.

Simone Summerlin, Director of Programs, says, "We are excited about the new website because it streamlines access to important information for potential milk donors, donor milk recipients, healthcare providers, volunteers and the general community." She adds, "It provides everything from the essential details of how we help babies, to how someone could give money to our non-profit organization."

A quick click connects users to MMBNT's social media, blog, profile stories and monthly newsletter. The new format is user-friendly, organized and expertly created by locals in the know at Fort Worth's Smat Web Design.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 👉 In 2014, MMBNT was one of the largest producing non-profit milk banks in the United States.
- 👉 We are located in Fort Worth's Medical District on Magnolia Avenue by the Paris Coffee Shop.
- 👉 Milk is dispensed by physician prescription for premature and critically ill babies.
- 👉 We pasteurize donor milk and test it for bacteria before packaging.
- 👉 Babies prescribed donor milk are never turned away based on their ability to pay processing fees.

# Watch Our New Videos on YouTube!



Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas



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Up Next

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**Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas - Who Receives the Milk?**

by Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas  
310 views



**Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas - Why Should I Donate?**

by Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas  
238 views



**Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas - What is Milk Banking?**

by Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas  
369 views



**Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas - Who Donates the Milk?**

by Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas  
220 views

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas has 5 new informational videos for the many audiences out there who need information about milk banking. Take a look by searching YouTube for "Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas" and find the following videos:

- What is Milk Banking?
- Who Donates the Milk?
- Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas 5-Minute Overview
- Who Receives the Milk?
- Why Should I Donate?

## August's "Latch On Texas" a Huge Success



Moms breastfeeding simultaneously at Latch on Texas

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas partnered with the Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition for the first Latch On Texas event last August at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. With hundreds in attendance celebrating World Breastfeeding Month, 277 moms breastfed their babies simultaneously at 10 a.m. This was the largest event of its kind in the state of Texas. Families also visited vendor tables, participated in a silent auction and enjoyed the photo booth.

*Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas is a charter member of the Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition. With a wide range of members from the local medical community, the organization promotes and supports breastfeeding in Tarrant County through community outreach, events and fundraising.*

## OUR MISSION

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas strives to improve the health and survival of critically ill infants through the safe provision of pasteurized donor human milk.

## 2014 Donor Appreciation Event - A Day at the Zoo

On Saturday, June 7, 58 donor families attended MMBNT's 2nd Annual Donor Appreciation Day at the Fort Worth Zoo. 152 adults, 54 children and 67 infants enjoyed a great day of connecting with each other and milk bank staff while visiting animals and exhibits.



Donor Mom, Christina Clark and Family

“Behind every breastfeeding mom, is a family who supports her,” says Simone Summerlin, Director of Programs. “This event celebrated all of our donor moms and families, and their philanthropic, caring acts that help the tiniest, most fragile babies who depend on human milk.”

## MMBNT Holds Guinness World Record™ for Most Breastmilk Donated

Six donors to Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas are among recent and current Guinness World Record™ holders for “Most Breastmilk Donated”. Since Granbury resident Alicia Richman set a record in 2012 with 11,115 ounces, five additional area women were inspired to pump, store and donate their extra breastmilk to Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas.



Brittani Goodson, Katy Edgington & Alyse Ogletree

On August 4, 2014, Alyse Ogletree of Argyle, Texas was awarded the Guinness World Record™ title for Most Breastmilk Donated. Ogletree donated 53,081 ounces (or 414 gallons) of her own breastmilk to Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas between January 2011 and March 2014.

Fort Worth mother Brittani Goodson previously held the title from July 16, 2014 to July 25, 2014. Goodson, a mother of two, donated 33,410 ounces between November 2012 and January 2014. She was named the record holder only two weeks after Guinness World Records crowned another Fort Worth mother, Katy Edgington, for donating 23,251 ounces. In March 2013, Sara Pascale from Fairview, Texas held the world record for 11,200 ounces followed by Karen Merheb from Dallas for 14,243 ounces.

# Chetna Patel - A Donor Mom Tells Her Story

I was blessed with a baby boy last year, Riyan. I always wanted to keep him exclusively on breastmilk, so I had started pumping and storing extra milk after 2 weeks. I was producing a lot of milk and was able to store around 1,000 ounces in 3 months.

Unfortunately, my little one was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy when he was 3 months old and ended up in the cardiac NICU for a month. But he didn't make it. I can't forget those days in the hospital; it was so heartbreaking seeing infants in such bad conditions.

I decided to donate my milk that was meant for my Riyan, so that it could still be used to bless the lives of little babies who need it. I found out about Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas. They made the donation process so easy and I was able to donate milk. MMBNT is doing amazing work.



## DONATIONS IN HONOR OF

*Etha Blewett*

by Heidi Logsdon

*Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Manning*

by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Black

*Angela Mendoza*

by Laurie Jones

*Hayley Spinks*

by Brenda McPhail

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by Jim Dubose & Tori Adams

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by Teri Wheat

*The Lactation Staff of Texas Health Harris FW*

by Becky Law

*The Amy E. Shewbart Foundation*

by Robbyn Foster & Krista Spires

*Ramadan*

by Amna Iftikhar

*A Christmas Gift for Baby Jesus*

by Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Taaffe

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## DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

*Edna Sward*

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## 2014 INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Rosie Balbo

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