

Human Milk Banks

The Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) is a multidisciplinary group of health care providers that promotes, protects, and supports donor milk banking. HMBANA is the only professional membership association for milk banks in Canada, Mexico and the United States and it sets the standards and guidelines for donor milk banking for those areas. It was founded in 1985 to:

- Develop guidelines for donor human milk banking practices in North America
- Provide a forum for information sharing among experts in the field on issues related to donor milk banking
- Provide information to the medical community regarding use of donor milk
- Encourage research into the unique properties of human milk for therapeutic and nutritional purposes
- Act as a liaison between member banks and governmental agencies
- Facilitate communication among member banks to assure adequate distribution of donor milk
- Facilitate the establishment of new donor milk banks in North America using HMBANA standards.

Setting the Standards for Human Milk Banking
Meeting the Milk Banking Needs for North America
A Safe Alternative in the Absence of Infant's Own Mother's Milk

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Mother's Milk Bank of Ohio at Grant Medical Center OhioHealth

- The gift of breastmilk can make such a difference in the health of an ill or premature infant.
- The mother's Milk Bank of Ohio accepts donated breastmilk from carefully screened, healthy, breastfeeding mothers. The donated milk is pasteurized, tested to ensure that no bacteria exist and then frozen until it is prescribed for a premature infant in need.
- Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center is a regional collection site for the Mother's Milk Bank of Ohio

For more information about becoming a donor, call the Mother's Milk Bank of Ohio at 614-544-0813