

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Championing Infant Health

For babies like Charlotte, a donor milk recipient

OVER 15.6 MILLION FEEDINGS FOR FRAGILE INFANTS TO DATE

The Milk Bank
HUMAN MILK SAVES LIVES

Since 2005, The Milk Bank has been on a mission to save infant lives and improve health outcomes by providing access to safe human milk.

We envision a world where every baby has access to safe human milk.

CHAMPIONING FOR INFANT HEALTH

Our community is in crisis: We're seeing a historically high rate of preterm births,[1] resulting in thousands of babies being born too small, too sick, and too soon. We must continue to champion for infant health by increasing access to lifesaving human milk.



Freedom Kolb
CEO

As we enter our 20th year of service, we want to thank our milk donors, financial supporters, volunteers, corporate and community partners for their generosity and unwavering support. These champions help us provide the most vulnerable infants with safe, consistent, and equitable access to the human milk they need to thrive. Together, we can build a future where more babies not only see their first birthday, but thrive well beyond it.

Thank you for choosing to be a champion for infant health.



2024 IMPACT

642,584
OUNCES DISPENSED TO FRAGILE INFANTS

87
HOSPITAL UNITS SERVED ACROSS 11 STATES

45
LIVES HONORED WITH BEREAVEMENT MILK DONATION

75,822
OUNCES PROVIDED THROUGH OUR MEDICAL RELIEF FUND

1,279
APPROVED MILK DONORS

85
MILK DEPOTS ACROSS IN, KY, AND MO

1.9M
ESTIMATED FEEDINGS FOR FRAGILE INFANTS

31
MILK EXPRESS SITES ACROSS IN, KY, AND MO

COMBATTING A CRISIS: INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant mortality is the #1 indicator of public health in a community.[2] Use of **only human milk** to feed preemies and low birthweight infants **reduces mortality by 75%**.[3] As of 2022,[4] fragile babies continue to fall behind in key service areas:



INDIANA KENTUCKY MISSOURI

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4. https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/IMR_MCH

SAVING INFANT LIVES AND IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES



"Kayden was in the NICU, where he was on a feeding tube, cpap machine, along with an IV port through his belly button. We went from the feeding tube, to syringe, to a slow feeder bottle. We used donor milk until I was able to produce for my son. Today, he's doing very well! I am very thankful for the donor milk that was the first thing that was fed to my son."

Nakylie, Mother of Kayden



"We were having horrible trouble. I wasn't producing enough calories in my milk to make her gain weight. We tried 7 different formulas, but she has a cows milk allergy, and kidney disease. Everything upset her stomach. She was losing weight. Once we had donor milk, she gained 3 pounds in the first 2 weeks. Now, she's 11 months old and meeting milestones."

Makayla, Mother of Riverlin



"Banks spent 3 weeks in the NICU and received donor milk until mine came in. After such a traumatic birth experience, breastfeeding felt like the only thing we had left from our birth plans and goals. Having donor milk available made that goal a possibility. When my milk came in, I started the process of becoming a milk donor! We hope to continue donating so that NICU babies and their families can have a chance at their own breastfeeding journey."

Spencer, Mother of Banks

LIFESAVING PHILANTHROPY

Financial donors make a difference in the lives of fragile infants every day. With support of corporate partners, grantors, and individuals, together we're able to provide programs that save lives and improve health outcomes:

Medical Relief Fund
Ensures that financial barriers never interfere with infant health outcomes.

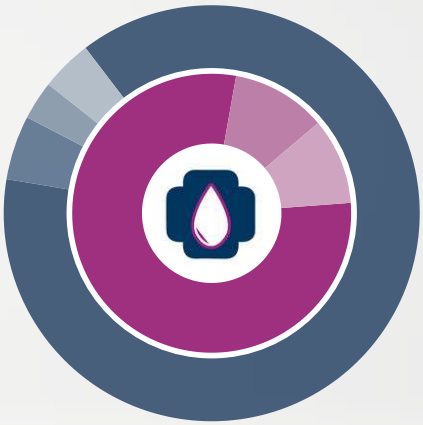
Bereavement Program
Provides bereaved parents a way to find healing, connection, and lactation education within a compassionate community.

Workplace Lactation Support
Creates family friendly work environments by empowering both employees and employers.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

REVENUE

88% Fee for Service
5% Grants
3% Contributions
4% Other



EXPENSES

10% Fundraising
11% Administrative
79% Programs & Services

*Represents pre-audited figures

EXPANDED ACCESS YEAR OVER YEAR

46% INCREASE IN DISPENSATION TO BABIES AT HOME

14% INCREASE IN TOTAL DISPENSATION

44% INCREASE IN DISPENSATION THROUGH MEDICAL RELIEF FUND

29% INCREASE IN APPROVED MILK DONORS

20 YEARS OF IMPACT IN 2025

Since 2005, The Milk Bank has provided more than 15.6 million feedings to fragile infants in need. As we honor 20 years of impact, we invite you to celebrate with us all year long! Continue championing for infant health by adding your story to our 20-year timeline, making a donation, volunteering, or advocating.

Learn more at TheMilkBank.org/20-years

