

AN UNPRECEDENTED NEED FOR SAFE DONOR MILK

In 2025, The Milk Bank experienced the largest single-year increase in demand for pasteurized donor human milk, with more than 700,000 ounces provided to babies across Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and beyond. This 24% rise highlights not only the increasing recognition of milk donation's life-saving impact, but also the dedication of milk donors and partners who made it possible to reach more infants and families than ever before.



Freedom Kolb
CEO

As we conclude a milestone year celebrating two decades of saving infant lives and improving health outcomes, our gratitude runs deep—for our milk donors, financial contributors, volunteers, and community partners. Your collective commitment ensures we continue to bring hope and healing to families across our region. Looking ahead, I'm inspired to expand our network of donors, volunteers, and partners, building on our shared mission to meet the needs of our most fragile newborns and to grow the systems that protect them—and their families—for generations to come. **Now, more than ever, babies need you.** I'm honored to partner with you in this vital, lifesaving work.

2025 IMPACT



794,387

OUNCES
DISPENSED
TO FRAGILE INFANTS



111

HOSPITAL UNITS
SERVED ACROSS
12 STATES



52

LIVES HONORED
WITH BEREAVEMENT
MILK DONATION



18,528

OUNCES PROVIDED
THROUGH OUR
MEDICAL RELIEF FUND



1,823

APPROVED
MILK DONORS



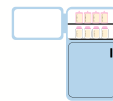
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MILK DEPOTS
ACROSS
IN, KY, AND MO



2.3M

ESTIMATED
FEEDINGS FOR
FRAGILE INFANTS



35

MILK EXPRESS SITES
ACROSS
IN, KY, AND MO

CELEBRATING ONE MILLION OUNCES DONATED IN 2025

Milk donors are true heroes who make life-saving impact every day by ensuring fragile infants receive the nourishment needed to grow strong and healthy. Through their extraordinary generosity, babies receive the vital nutrients they need to not only survive, but thrive. Each ounce donated represents time, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to saving lives. These remarkable donors transform hope into action and make a lasting impact on families across our region. Learn more about this historic milestone at TheMilkBank.org/one-million-ounces



Milk Recipient Ruby



“Eloise was born eleven days early and was quickly **swept away to the NICU**. As I worked on pumping and waiting for my supply to come in, I was able to supplement my breast milk with donor milk. **It meant the world to me to have donor milk as an option.** I knew from the start I wanted to give back and donate.”

Rachel, Mom to Eloise
Milk recipient & milk donor



“When my daughter was born, I **struggled to produce any milk**. It was hard, especially because I never experienced this with my first. That’s when I **discovered the incredible option of donor milk**. For the first few days of life, she relied solely on the generous milk of another mother, and I will forever be grateful for that gift.”

Deybrian, Mom to Zephaniah
Milk recipient & milk donor



“I have known about donation for a while in my work as a registered nurse and certified lactation counselor. The screening process was smooth, and within a few weeks I was able to make my first donation. **Having access to the Milk Depots is so helpful in my donation journey.** I've just called them, said I'd like to make a drop off and been able to donate that way.”

Beth, Milk donor



“Ian lived 31 weeks, all of it within me. The **doctors mentioned donation**, so I read about The Milk Bank, how it saves lives, and **gives hope to babies who need it most**. Expressing and donating my milk didn’t erase the pain, but it gave it purpose. It made me feel like Ian’s short existence could ripple into the world, helping other lives.”

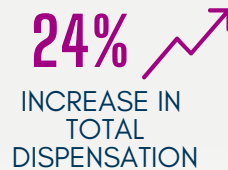
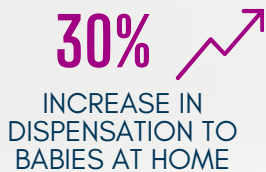
Isabel, Mom to Ian & milk donor
Bereavement Program

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF IMPACT

Since 2005, The Milk Bank's story has been written by an extraordinary community of givers and advocates. Together, you've made more than 17.9 million feedings possible for fragile infants—each a celebration of life, hope, and love. As we marked our 20th birthday, countless milk recipients, donors, partners, and friends shared their stories on our virtual timeline, honoring two decades of impact made possible by generous hearts. Thank you to everyone who joined the celebration—touring, volunteering, sharing, and giving. Every act of kindness made this birthday a true community milestone.



MEETING THE NEED



LIFESAVING PHILANTHROPY

Financial donors make a difference in the lives of fragile infants every day. With the support of our corporate partners, grantors, and individual donors, we are able to provide programs that save lives and improve health outcomes across Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri:

Medical Relief Fund

Increases access to medically essential donor milk by removing financial barriers.

Bereavement Program

Provides comprehensive care for grieving families, including lactation consulting, support groups, and services designed to compassionately honor loss.

Education & Advocacy

Advances evidence-based care and access to safe donor milk.

Workplace Lactation Support

Champions education and practices to make every workplace pump friendly.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

REVENUE



EXPENSES



*Represents pre-audited figures

