



Mothers' Milk Bank

— OF NORTH TEXAS —

*Help Us Save Premature
and Critically Ill Infants*



The Miracle of Human Milk



Life
Saving

75% of donor milk is dispensed by prescription to premature and sick babies in hospitals, 25% to fragile infants at home.

Human milk has been proven to enhance survivability and decrease complications.

Breastmilk provides nutrition and protection through immunological properties.



Safe

All donor milk is pasteurized and tested through national scientific guidelines and standards.

Human milk banking is older than blood banking and has a safer track record.

Milk donors are generous mothers who donate surplus milk and are screened free of charge through medical histories and blood tests.



Giving

Babies receive donor milk based on medical need, not the ability to pay.

In 2013, Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas provided \$615,000 of charitable care.

Because eligible recipients are not charged for donated milk, community financial support is vital for supplementing the rising operating expenses of screening, processing and distribution.

Every Drop Counts, Every Dollar Counts



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.

Celebrating 10 Years of Helping Babies

Since its foundation as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization in 2003, Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas has dispensed over 1.8 million ounces from over 4000 donors. And the need continues to grow.

Levels of Giving

- 💧 \$25 Provides safe storage for 300 ounces of milk
- 💧 \$50 Pays for the shipment of milk for one baby at home
- 💧 \$100 Covers screening and testing for one donor mom to safely donate milk
- 💧 \$500 Screens 5 donor moms to safely donate milk
- 💧 \$750 Provides a shipment of milk to a critically ill baby at home
- 💧 \$1000 Establishes a milk collection site that receives and stores donated milk for delivery and processing
- 💧 \$3000 Pays courier costs for milk transportation from collection sites to the milk bank for one month

Make a Gift

- 💧 Online via PayPal:
www.texasmilkbank.org/content/monetary-donations
- 💧 By check with enclosed return envelope payable to:
Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas

Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas appreciates your generous support.

Ryan's Story

Thriving Through the Gift of Donor Milk

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Gary and Crystal Chevalier live in Billings, Montana with their 15 children—10 who are adopted. Ryan, the youngest member of the family, was born 8 weeks early with a hypoxic brain injury caused by oxygen deprivation at birth. Now, at 22 months, Ryan receives a shipment of frozen pasteurized donor milk every 10 days from Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas.



1 month old

Ryan's twin, Zac, is robust and healthy. However, Ryan began life as a medically fragile baby and spent his first five months in the hospital. For his first 18 months, he had pneumonia every 4 to 6 weeks. Because of his brain injury, his body can't regulate autonomic processes such as swallowing. Therefore, he is continuously fed through a gastrostomy tube and breathes through a tracheostomy tube. Ryan's medical obstacles also include spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, auditory neuropathy, vision difficulties and a very sensitive GI tract.

A close family member, who also happens to be a previous milk donor, suggested Crystal approach Ryan's doctor about his eligibility for donor milk. Ryan's medical challenges and his intolerance to formulas and other foods warranted the need for the immunological properties of breastmilk.

After connecting with Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas for donor milk, Ryan's weight increased and his overall health continues to improve. While Ryan may not ever be able to do all of the things other children his age do, his parents are thrilled that he has learned to roll over and hold his head up, and most of all, that he recognizes and interacts with each person in his family.



22 months old

A Note from Ryan's Mother

We feel an immense amount of gratitude for donor mothers, their selfless gift of donor milk and time. We don't know what Ryan's health would be like without it. In many ways, we feel like the milk has saved his life ... or at the very least saved his heart from extra strain and his intestinal tract from things he doesn't tolerate. Donor mothers have also provided Ryan with something that, as an adoptive mother, I wasn't able to give him. The increased immunity to infections alone makes breastmilk a life-saving gift for Ryan. Thank you for giving him what I couldn't. – Crystal Chevalier



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Holiday Gift Donations & One-Time Gifts

Send a Holiday Gift Donation to Family & Friends

For your donation of \$25 or more, we will mail or email your recipient a personalized greeting card with your special message. Holiday gift donations must be received by **Monday, December 15**. Greeting cards will be sent between **December 15-19**.

Please print and return this form in return envelope.

Your First & Last Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Phone Number _____

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Recipient #1

First & Last Name _____ Gift Donation Amount \$ _____

Greeting Card Delivery Preference: mail or email (circle one)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recipient's Email Address _____

Greeting to Appear on Card _____

From/Signature on Card _____

Recipient #2

First & Last Name _____ Gift Donation Amount \$ _____

Greeting Card Delivery Preference: mail or email (circle one)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recipient's Email Address _____

Greeting to Appear on Card _____

From/Signature on Card _____

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Recipient #3

First & Last Name _____ Gift Donation Amount \$ _____

Greeting Card Delivery Preference: mail or email (circle one)

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Recipient's Email Address _____

Greeting to Appear on Card _____

From/Signature on Card _____

Recipient #4

First & Last Name _____ Gift Donation Amount \$ _____

Greeting Card Delivery Preference: mail or email (circle one)

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Recipient's Email Address _____

Greeting to Appear on Card _____

From/Signature on Card _____

Make a One-Time Gift

Donation Amount:

Donor Name _____ Amount Donated \$ _____

Donor Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

(if applicable, please circle) In Honor/In Memory of: _____

Total Amount of Donation Enclosed \$ _____

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