

Newest Breastmilk Donation Site Opens in Dallas

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas now accepts human milk donations for babies in need.

Dallas, Texas ([PRWEB](#)) July 13, 2017 -- Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas is the newest breastmilk collection site for Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas (MMBNT), making it easier for Dallas moms to donate to babies in need.

Mothers who want to donate their excess breastmilk can drop off their donations at the hospital's Special Care Nursery on the 6th floor of the Jackson Building, located at 8200 Walnut Hill Ln. They will need to press the call button by the door to receive assistance from a nurse.

Special Care Nursery staff will securely store the milk before sending it to MMBNT in Fort Worth for pasteurization and shipment to critically ill infants. Donations are accepted 7 days a week at all hours, except during shift change from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"Texas Health Dallas has come full circle helping fragile infants," lactation nurse Nancy Kelley said. "Not only do we utilize donor human milk for babies in our NICU, we can now conveniently accept donations from moms in our Special Care Nursery. It's where many babies go after they have been in the NICU."

MMBNT collects donor human milk from more than 40 donation sites, or depots, throughout North Texas and surrounding areas. Texas Health Dallas is one of five depots in Dallas.

Milk bank staff screen all potential milk donors through medical histories and blood tests. Once approved, donors freeze the extra milk their own babies don't need and take it to a depot close to home.

When milk arrives at MMBNT, staff log it into a computer barcode and tracking system. It then undergoes processing, which includes thawing, nutritional analysis, pasteurization and bacterial testing.

Donor human milk is the standard of care for premature infants without access to mother's own milk who have severe feeding problems, intestinal malformations and life-threatening complications such as necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC). Eighty percent of MMBNT's donor milk serves babies in hospital NICUs, while 20 percent serves medically needy babies at home.

Those who are interested in becoming donors can start the process by calling MMBNT at (817) 810-0071. To speak to someone at Texas Health Dallas's depot, call the lactation department at 214-345-2557.

About Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas

Located in Fort Worth's Medical District, Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas (MMBNT) is a non-profit organization founded in 2004 to provide premature and critically ill infants with donor human milk when their own mother's milk is not available. Thanks to the generous donations from more than 6,000 donors, more than 3 million ounces of donated breastmilk have been dispensed to the babies who need it most. To donate breastmilk, please email [moms\(at\)texasmilkbank.org](mailto:moms(at)texasmilkbank.org) or call toll-free at 1-866-810-0071. Learn more about milk banking at www.texasmilkbank.org.



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