

northwest MOTHERS MILK BANK *saving babies drop by drop*

IN
2014
NWMMB
DELIVERED

160,000(!)
OUNCES

but...
there is

SO
MUCH
MORE
NEEDED!

NWMMB is dedicated to providing safe, pasteurized human donor milk for babies who need it. A strong milk bank ensures babies who are born with medical need have the best possible chance at life.



As of July 2014, every L3 NICU in Oregon receives pasteurized human donor milk from NWMMB.

Who is NWMMB?

NWMMB is a not-for-profit milk bank and member of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America. Their team of dedicated professionals include:

- physicians and RN's
- registered dietitians and lactation professionals
- hospital administrators

NWMMB is staffed by:

Lesley Mondeaux, Executive Director, RNC, IBCLC
Joanne Ransom, Clinical Director, RN, IBCLC

830,000

Number of babies that could be saved every year if given human milk within hours of birth.⁷

In 2012, nearly 3,000 babies in Oregon were born premature.³¹

500,000 babies are born prematurely every year.³

35% of all infant deaths in 2009 were preterm-related causes of death, more than any other single cause.³

20-30% of infant morbidity and mortality in the NICU results from Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC).¹⁰

NWMMB is a proud member of the:



Screening, processing, and dispensing guidelines established by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) are founded on comprehensive research spanning almost 30 years and have been approved for global use by:



Potential milk donors provide complete medical and life histories and undergo blood tests similar to the screening process used at blood banks.



38 Hospitals across the Northwest



ALL L3 NICUs IN OREGON

NWMMB
SERVES



85% of our milk goes to hospitals



The most fragile infants in our community

The demand for safely pasteurized human donor milk is increasing!

NWMMB needs public support and increased human milk donation to continue to distribute pasteurized human donor milk to medically fragile infants.



Investment in the regulation of human milk sharing will ultimately protect all infants' fundamental right to access safe human milk.



Kevin was born five weeks premature and only weighed 4lbs 3oz. Unable to latch onto his own mother's breast, Kevin was nourished with pasteurized human donor milk from NWMMB while his mother was recovering from surgery. Kevin is now a happy and healthy growing boy, and his family is incredibly grateful for the help they received during this difficult time.

Sophia and Lillian were born at only 35 weeks and were nourished with pasteurized human donor milk from NWMMB for the first five days of their life. It was through the kindness of strangers that these twin sisters were given the best start in life. Their mother and father were humbled by every drop of pasteurized human donor milk they received. Their mother immediately knew that she would find a way to give back, and she now proudly donates her own breastmilk to NWMMB!

Recipient Stories

The heart of NWMMB's mission is to provide life-saving human donor milk to all babies in need, regardless of their ability to pay. **Evie's Fund** is a charitable care fund created by NWMMB to help achieve this goal. Their first charitable care recipient, Evie, was born with no immune system. With no white blood cells to fight off potential viruses, pasteurized human donor milk from NWMMB was Evie's safest option to sustain her through two bone marrow transplants. Evie is now thriving!

In 2014, NWMMB provided \$25,000 of charitable care—both in breastmilk and the coverage of milk processing fees—but in order to achieve this critical mission, NWMMB needs the continued support of the community.

- To learn more about Evie's Fund and milk donation, please call NWMMB:
Phone: 503-469-0955
Toll Free: 1-800-204-4444

Evie's Fund

- Our clinic is located at:
417 SW 117th Avenue,
Suite 105
Portland, OR 97225

Human milk provides the best possible nutrition for human infants.

MILK
Now donors can drop their donations at 18 convenient NW locations!
DROPS

NWMMB's method is currently the only approved way for hospitals to provide pasteurized human donor milk to infants in need.

HUMAN MILK CONTAINS 300 MORE DISEASE-FIGHTING COMPONENTS THAN FORMULA.³⁰

Medical complications experienced by preterm babies can escalate NICU costs, the most expensive of which is Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC).²

There are about 30-50 cases of NEC in Oregon each year, costing upwards of \$40,000-\$80,000 each. Severe cases can cost up to \$300,000 each.³

Feeding an infant a human milk diet results in saving lives and reducing patient and hospital costs by:

saving an est. \$8,000 per infant as a result of feeding extremely premature infants a diet of human milk¹⁰

reducing the risk of lower respiratory tract infection in the first year by 72%⁶

reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome by 36%⁶

reducing the risk of Necrotizing Enterocolitis, NEC by 63%³²

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