

Donor Milk Saves Lives

HMBANA Nonprofit Milk Banks

The Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) sets safety standards for nonprofit human milk banks in the US and Canada. HMBANA milk banks collect milk from healthy donors before it is processed and tested for safety. Milk banks distribute this life-saving resource to premature and fragile infants in hospitals and at home.

Milk Bank Safety

Milk donors are screened and blood tested. When their milk arrives at the milk bank, it is gently heated to kill bacteria and viruses. Donor milk is tested for bacteria before it is distributed to hospitals and babies at home. HMBANA milk banks follow strict safety guidelines from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to keep donor milk safe.



Donor Milk is Life-Saving!

Preterm infants have fragile digestive systems. For these babies, human milk reduces the risk of life-threatening conditions. HMBANA milk banks provide donor milk for babies in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) when a parent's own milk is not available.

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Screening



Interview



Blood Draw



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