Donor human milk is available for pickup at MMB’s facility from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please call MMB prior to pickup.

Donor human milk can also be shipped. Please call MMB for a shipping quote and to schedule delivery.

Online ordering is available at rmchildren.org/shop.

MMB accepts credit cards, exact cash or checks. If your baby has a medical need for the milk and you cannot afford the tissue processing fee, you may qualify for MMB’s financial aid program. Please call 303.869.1888 for more information.

Why might my baby need donor human milk?

Donor human milk is the first choice for all babies anytime moms’ own milk is unavailable. It is essential for any baby with a weakened immune system or special dietary needs. Donor human milk is also used in cases of adoption; surrogacy; the birth of multiples; or when a mother is ill or taking certain types of medication.

Human milk is a gift that lasts a lifetime. It protects babies from illness and infection.

If a mother’s own milk is unavailable despite significant lactation support, pasteurized donor milk should be used.

(American Academy of Pediatrics)
Why MMB?

For more than 30 years, Mothers’ Milk Bank (MMB) has provided life-saving donor human milk to infants throughout the United States.

As the second oldest nonprofit milk bank in North America and a founding member of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA), MMB consistently provides more milk to babies in need than any other nonprofit milk bank.

Donor Screening

Donors undergo a thorough screening process that includes a blood test and physician confirmation of the donor’s medical history.

Safety and Quality

MMB’s track record speaks for itself. Since 1984, MMB has provided donor human milk to thousands of infants across the United States with no reported disease transmission or negative outcome in a recipient.

MMB adheres to and often exceeds the guidelines set by HMBANA for donor screening, milk processing and testing.

Milk Processing and Testing

All milk is carefully pasteurized and tested for bacteria and drugs of abuse prior to distribution. MMB takes great care to preserve the milk’s original value.

All milk processing takes place in MMB’s ISO7 lab — the first certified nonprofit milk bank ISO7 lab in the United States. This lab implements a clean room which enables MMB to offer the safest, highest quality milk available.

How do I receive milk?

To receive donor human milk for your baby after discharge from the hospital, you will need the following items:

1. A prescription from your baby’s doctor, in your baby’s name, stating “donor human milk as needed” must be brought to MMB when milk is picked up. It can also be faxed to MMB at 303.839.7336 if milk will be shipped.

2. An infant medical history form must be completed prior to receiving milk. This may be completed at MMB or on our website.

3. A consent form for donor human milk must also be completed by the baby’s parent or legal guardian.

MMB charges a tissue processing fee for the milk which covers some of the costs associated with donor screenings, milk processing and testing. MMB cannot directly bill insurance companies for this fee. Please contact your insurance company to determine whether they will cover the cost.

"After I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I used donor human milk to feed my second and third children. I’m incredibly grateful to have the ability to feed my children donor human milk even after having had breast cancer."

— Megan, mom of two donor human milk recipients