

MOTHERS' MILK BANK OF TENNESSEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need to raise **at least \$100,000** by the end of the Year to begin Pasteurizing Milk in Tennessee!
We're successfully collecting Milk; now, more than ever, we need the Financial support!

Financial Giving Options:

Check made out to Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee; mailed to
5991 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211

Online at the Website milkbanktn.org **IMPORTANT NOTE: milkbank.org is AUSTIN's Milk Bank!**

Choose "Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee" on Amazon Smile for Holiday Purchases

Choose "Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee" for Kroger preferred charity

Ask Facebook Friends to contribute to "Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee"

PayPal [For more information, visit milkbanktn.org, or call us at 615-933-8877]

(*NOTE: Since MMBTN is a developing Milk Bank, Donor Milk in Tennessee is being shipped to our **HMBANA** Mentor Milk Bank in Austin, TX for pasteurization until we can equip a facility and obtain accreditation from **HMBANA** to be a fully functioning Milk Bank)

MILK BANK NOTES

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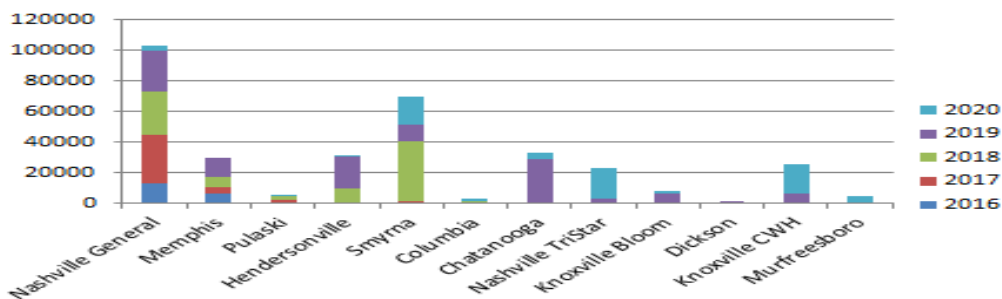
When mothers are unable to provide breast milk for newborn babies who spend time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs), they turn to human milk banks. Currently, there are 30 human milk banks that are part of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (**HMBANA**): 27 across the U.S. and 3 in Canada. Mothers who donate excess breast milk to these milk banks make their milk available to NICUs across the U.S. and Canada. In addition, there are 3 developing Milk Banks in the U.S. and **Tennessee is one of these.**

HMBANA is a professional association of **not-for-profit** human milk banks. Their mission is to promote the health of babies and mothers through the provision of safe, pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM), predominantly to NICUs for the most vulnerable infants.

Research has shown human breast milk may reduce the risk of developing a devastating intestinal condition in tiny newborns called Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC). Human milk has also been shown to decrease the incidence of sepsis (blood stream infections) and other infections. **While the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic has affected many lives, it has been shown that breast milk may reduce the chances of NICU babies contracting the illness.**

Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee (MMBTN) was incorporated in 2014. In 2015, MMBTN obtained 501(C) 3 status and later that year became a **Developing Milk Bank** with HMBANA. Since then, MMBTN has opened 12 milk drop-off depots, and is projected to open more in 2021. The figure below illustrates MMBTN milk depot locations and ounces of donated breast milk since 2016 (over 300,000 ounces!)

Mother's Milk Bank of Tennessee Depot Totals



**Pasteurized donor human milk helps save the lives of the tiniest, most immature babies in the NICU.
Every ounce matters! And every Financial Gift matters, no matter the size!**