

Birth Center

Breast Milk Depot

What is a Milk Depot?

This is a program for nursing moms to donate their extra milk. Hutchinson Health Hospital Birth Center now offers a Breast Milk Depot that makes it possible for women with an ample supply of breast milk to share that with an infant in need. For various reasons, a mother may not always be able to produce breast milk for her baby, or she may not yet be producing milk for her newborn. Donor milk is often used as a bridge to help nourish babies until a birth mother's milk comes in. Donated breast milk is second only to the mother's own breast milk and a wonderful way for babies to receive the very best nutrition.

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If you have experienced infant loss and you are interested in donating your milk, there are some different donation requirements. Start by filling out and interest form or calling 763-290-1865 for more information.

How does the program work?

Mothers who wish to donate breast milk may contact the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies at **763-290-1865**. Donating moms are screened and labs tested before their milk is accepted into the program. The milk is labeled and stored in a freezer — and finally shipped to the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies for processing and pasteurizing. The milk is available to order for hospitals across the Midwest.

Process to become a donor:

1. Contact the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies:
www.mnmilkbank.org/donate-milk/
2. Complete the interest form and schedule a phone screening.
3. The Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies will send you a kit, including information about completing blood testing as required prior to donating (the lab tests are free of charge to the mother, as the costs are paid by the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies).
4. Providers are contacted during the approval process to ensure a provider verifies that the donor is healthy enough to donate.
5. Contact the Hutchinson Health Hospital Birth Center Lactation Consultants at **320-484-4321** to set up an appointment to drop off your stored milk. It will be labeled and shipped to the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies for safe processing and pasteurizing.

For questions call **763-290-1865** or to learn more, visit www.mnmilkbank.org/donate-milk/ Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies

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