

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Minnesota
Milk Bank
for
Babies



Our mission is to improve infant health outcomes by ensuring that medically vulnerable babies in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest have access to safely pasteurized life-giving donor human milk when mother's milk is unavailable or in low supply.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Looking back over the past year, we're reflecting on the impact in 2025 made by the incredible milk bank staff, volunteers, and donors. Because of the 450+ milk donors who gave their extra milk we dispensed more than 80,000 bottles of pasteurized donor milk to hospitals and outpatient families in 2025. Every bottle provides life-saving nourishment to premature babies in hospital NICUs and a bridge for newborns and mothers as they begin their breastfeeding journey. Our Twin Cities Marathon charity team raised an amazing \$16,000 for the Community Care Fund to help those in need receive bridge milk, a feat we hope to repeat in the coming year. We are filled with gratitude at the generosity and compassion of others who have helped these babies to thrive. We look forward to the new year and to continuing the work of making a difference so our littlest ones can grow and thrive on the power of human milk.



Linda Dech
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR TEAM

2025 Staff Roster

Linda Hsiung Dech, MPH, IBCLC, Executive Director

Leslie Kummer, MD, MPH, IBCLC, Assistant Medical Director

Emily Schreiner, RN, BSN, PHN, CLC, Clinical Donor Coordinator

Leah Mortenson, RN, BSN, PHN, CLC, Clinical Donor Coordinator

Ann Bailey, Operations & Logistics Coordinator

Kiana Maxwell, Lead Pasteurizer Technician

Venedia Campbell, Pasteurizer Technician

Mellisa Vang, MPNA, Office Coordinator

Victor von Lehe, Courier & Logistics Assistant

Nancy Fahim, MBBCh, FAAP, Medical Director

Juechee Yang, CLE, Lead Donor Coordinator

Lori Thomas, Donor Coordinator

Jason Foss, MPH, Lab Manager

Emma Ecker, Pasteurizer Technician

Lilly Byram, Program Coordinator & Evaluator

Bridget Ryan, MA, Human Resources Assistant

Maggie Mau, Development & Communications

Madeline Sharpe, Administrative & Production Specialist

2025 Board Roster (L to R, T to B)

Jennifer Sargent, Chair

Jeanne Friebe

David Ferenci

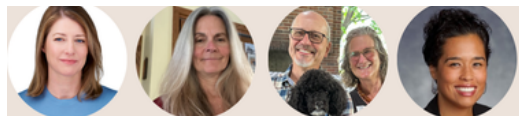
Alana Wright

Kelsey Swanson

Kieley Filepp

Gretchen Etzler

Lindsay Mensing



**Thank You MMBB
Board!**

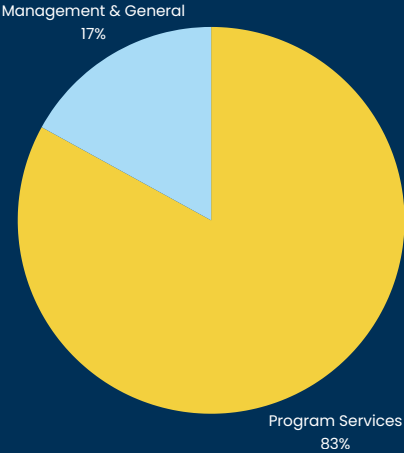


2025 Babies at Work
graduate - Avery!

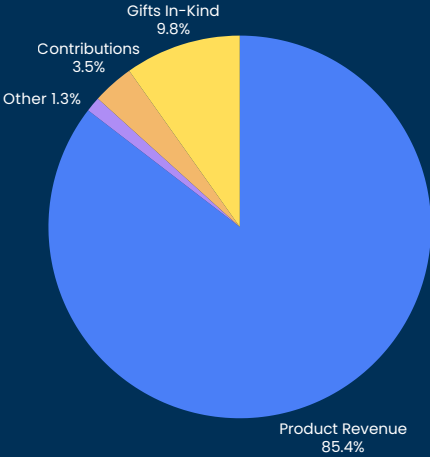


BY THE NUMBERS

Expenses



Revenue



SUPPORTERS

\$25,000 and above

Mardag Foundation

\$10,000 – \$24,999

Allina Health
Katherine and Joe Turner

\$5,000 – \$9,999

Roseville Area Community Foundation

\$1,000 – \$2,499

Arneson Family Fund
Ben and Julia Carlson
Corrie Conrad
Linda and Phil Dech
David and Laura Ferenci
Mayo Foundation
Takeda Pharmaceuticals
Renee Torbeson
Archie D & Bertha H Walker Foundation

\$500 – \$999

Ange-Gabrielle Holm
Harry Hsiung
Erik and Mandi Karulf
LEAP INC
MAC Giving Fund
Myslajek LTD
M.A. Ogren
Benjaman Schmidt
Janet Thomas
Yer Xiong

100 – \$499

Ameriprise
Julie Ann Anderson
Caitlin Anderson
Gabriel Baginski
Lynn Baldus
Katherine Ball
Niki Ballingrud
Candy Beckett
George and Gail Bergquist
Luke Betelak
Hong Blaufuss
Lisa Bodamer
Caitlin Brewer
Jessica Breyer
Justin Caldwell
Meng Chang
CHS Inc
Elizabeth Clyde
Melanie Coodin
Conor Dailey

Susan Dailey
Catherine Dailey
Allison Danielson
Eric Zigmund and Kate Dech
Richard and Jean Dickason
Sara Dorival
Kevin Duban
Stephanie Eagle
Ellen Eckhardt
Lee and Jan Erickson
Natalie Feeney
Scott Ferry
Roxane Gudeman
Allison Hart
Pamela & Nancy Newman Heggie
Agnes Hoeger
Jenni Ives
Marilyn Jorgensen
Anne Joyce
Vang Khang
Kara Kick
Anne Klein
Alexander Krauss
Sally Lang
Nancy Long
Stacey Madison
Lorena Malcolm
Steven Maloney
Marcia McCoy
David Milazzo
Leah Mortenson
Don and Sherry Mortenson
Alyssa Nosbush
Denny Peterson
Denise Peterson
Barbara Petterson
Breanna Phelps
Zoe Roberts
Michelle Russell
Bridget Ryan
Jennifer Sargent
Regina Schauer
Bridget Scheper
Carrie Schildgen
Megan Seelos
Carrie Short
Alex Silverberg
Maggie Stansbery
Anna Suhr
TASC Cares
Beverly Thompson
Meg Walch

Faith Whitcraft
Alana Wright
\$99 and below
Abbott
Melanie Ahlstrom
Twyla Andrus
Jesus Arce-Montenegro
Ashly Bacon
Carol Barnett
Sophia Benson
Benjamin Betcher
Mary Bostrom
Carrie Boyum
Jill Branovsky
Anne Calteaux
Amy Carroll
Matthew Cherek
Shelly Clausen
Kathleen Conroy
Alexander Couch
Nicole Craig
Jillian Culver
Julie Danielson
Pamela Galle and David From
Emily Dech
Emily Dingmann
Hannah Dittmer
Sue Dittmer
Michelle Dittmer
Annette Dockter
Lori Dorn
Erica Drake
Bridget Duffy
Brittany Duggan
Kelly Eagle
Daniela Enea
Nancy Fahim
Whit Fishman Zember
Ashley Forquer
Erica Forsman
Lorinda Franklin
Tipper Gallagher
Becky Gams
Laura Goeke
Lisa Graff and Jimmy Davis
Kristen Grant
Greater TC United Way
Keren Gudeman
Lyndsey Guelig
Mary Heinisch
Georgianna Heise
Loca Her

Jessica Herting
Beth Hilmoe
Katie Hirsch
Michael Hope
Bradford Houdlette
Bridger Houston
Leila Hussein
Celina Jeske
Thomas Jessen
Lynn Johnson
Dalia Jones
May Kao Yang
Jenna Kellner
Michelle Kellogg
Eleanor Kelly
Amanda Kettler
Jake Kettler
Carrie Kibler
Lori Kibler
Daniel Kilbane
Rachel Kinane
Kirsten King
Thomas Koehnen
Rachel Kraemer
Jessica Kritzeck
Lisa Krupa
Abhimanyu Kumar
Suzanne Laing
Wade Larson
Whitney Larson
Kendra Lauck
Deanna Leas
Nina LeSaout
Russell Lindsey
Joseph Lipske
Stephen and Laura Lodge
Victoria Lunneborg
David Mach
Kevin Malone
Maggie and Ross Mau
Lisa Meegan
Olivia Mirabito
Dawn Mortenson
Margaret Nelson
Sara and Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer
Linnae Nelson-Seys
Kieu Nguyen
Eliana Nordell
Karen Odell
Craig Ogren
Rachelle Olson

Katherine Olson
Deanna Olson
Magdalena O'Reilly
Michelle Paquette
Jack Parkin
Sarah Parrish
Katherine Petersen
Rachel Peterson
Catherine Petrozziello
Michelia Pham
Shanae Phillips
Briana Platukis
Sarah Quigley
Omar Ramirez
Suzannah Reinhardt
Melley Richards
Kathleen Rick
Salesforce
Melissa Schnickels
Ben and Emily Schreiner
Janet Schreiner
Susan Schulte
Stephen Schwarz
Mark and Susan Scully
Darlene Seelos
Deborah Semones
Sarthak Shukla
Molly Siever
Garrett Simmons
Michelle Sletner
Chelsey Smith
Randy Smits
Christine Soderstrom
Felicia Sova
James Stanton
Lauren Stinson
Kelsey and Charlie Swanson
Jenna Thompson
Madison Thompson
Laurie Todd
Lilly Tolen
Lindsay Ulfig
United Health Group
Alex Unruh
Kia Vang
Monica Venturella
Yevgenia Vizelman
Barbara Wallace
Jean Wayne
Linda Weast
Angela Williams
Adam Wilson

Jon Withers
Kayoua Yang
Xylina Yang
John Ziegler



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

The Milk

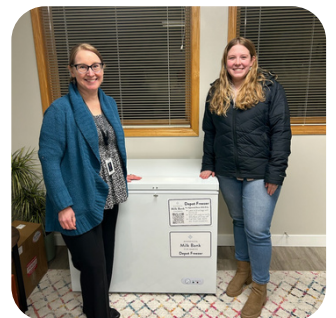
We dispensed 327,850 oz of pasteurized donor human milk for an estimated 983,550 meals served for very low birth weight babies!

The Donors

We approved 462 milk donors – an increase of 6% over 2024!

Our Partners

- Two new milk collection depots
- Two new Bridge Bag programs
- Two new outpatient milk distribution sites



2025 PROGRAMS



Community Care Fund

In 2025 we raised \$16,160 for the Community Care Fund through our charity running team at the Twin Cities Marathon! We had 18 runners represent us this year! Overall, we raised nearly \$65,000 to support families facing financial hardship and food insecurity by providing a temporary bridge of free pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) for their medically fragile infants through our Bridge Bag programs



Bereavement Program

When facing the loss of a child, some parents find comfort and healing by pumping and donating their milk to give to other babies in need. 29 families have given this precious gift to the Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies in 2025.





MN Milk Bank for Babies



DEPOT IMPACT REPORT



January 2025 - December 2025

In 2025, 33 depots across Minnesota and the Dakotas helped collect donated human milk, providing vital nourishment to newborns and medically fragile infants when their own mothers' milk was unavailable or in low supply. By creating welcoming spaces for donations and supporting families through the process, these partnerships strengthened a network of care that touches countless lives. The Minnesota Milk Bank for Babies is deeply grateful for this shared commitment to infant health and for the lasting difference made in the lives of babies and families across our communities.

NUMBER OF
MILK DEPOTS

33

AVERAGE
DONATION
PER DONOR
(OUNCES)

766

MILK
DONATIONS
COORDINATED

852

MEALS FOR
EXTREMELY
PREMATURE
BABIES

983,550



A message from a milk donor:

"I wanted to be able to spread the love; to be able to give babies what they deserve: health and happiness."



MINNESOTA
Milk Bank
FOR BABIES

Admin

Volunteers

Maria

Maddie

Megan

Bridget



Medical Advisors

Dr. Nancy Fahim

Dr. Leslie Kummer

Angel Flight

Central Pilots

Jeremy

Louis

Jim

Ken

Scott

Ned

Barry

Mark

Thomas

David

Aaron

Alan

Thank
You

MMBB Board

Volunteers!

Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Pamela Heggie

Dr. Michelle Haggerty

Jane Johnson, RN, IBCLC

Dr. Edward "Chip" Martin-
Chaffee

Nichole Sandberg, RN, IBCLC

Dr. Mark Schleiss

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Joanne

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