



Mothers' Milk Bank of New England

Sharing the Health

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Dear friends and family,

Starting with the vision of a single person in 2006, joined with the efforts of dozens of volunteers and supported by the generosity of hundreds of donors, we are excited to announce the opening of the Mothers Milk Bank of New England - now the 11th operating donor milk bank in North America. It is hard to overstate the pride we feel, as well as the gratitude we owe to those who helped make this event possible.

As of March of this year, over 70,000 ounces of pasteurized donor human milk have been distributed to New England hospitals by MMBNE that had been shipped to us from the Mothers' Milk Bank of Ohio. After a thorough and meticulous process of acquiring and testing lab equipment, following the guidelines established by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America, our lab in Newton, MA will begin distributing breast milk processed by our own lab from locally donated breastmilk by Mother's Day.

On this fourth anniversary of our Mothers' Day Appeal, we are hoping for your continued support of the milk bank to ensure our continued success and growth. Funds are still needed to cover the costs of screening kits for donor mothers, to repay loans, support our three part time staff members and to help fund our education and outreach programs.

Donations can be made on-line through our website www.milkbankne.org. We are also now able to receive donations of stock. Personal checks can be made out to MMBNE and sent to: MMBNE, P.O. Box 60-0091, Newton, MA 02460.

You can make your donation in memory or in honor of a special mother in your life. Please let us know the name and address of your special honoree so that we may notify her of your donation on her behalf.

Please mark your calendars for our benefit concert on Sunday, June 5th, 2 PM at the auditorium of the Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street Newtonville, MA. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, \$12 and \$15 for seniors and students, free for children under 10. The event is being held between Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day - a great way to celebrate both! Donors of \$100 or more will receive two tickets and an acknowledgement in our program. For tickets and further information, please visit our website, www.milkbankne.org.

Thank you to all of you who have made donations to the MMBNE in the past. Because of your generosity, the most vulnerable premature babies have been given a better start in life. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Raechel Hackney and Jane Crotteau
For the MMBNE Board