



Mothers' Milk Bank of New England

Sharing the Health

PO Box 60-0091
Newtonville, MA 02460
www.milkbankne.org

April, 2009

Dear MMBNE supporter,

In anticipation of Mother's Day on May 10, we ask that you consider making a donation to the Mothers' Milk Bank of New England to honor that special mother in your life. At your request, we will send a card acknowledging your thoughtful gift to your mother or other honoree. MMBNE holds only one fundraising appeal a year, so that our resources can go toward helping babies.

We are proud to report that last August we opened our milk dispensary in Newton, MA. To date, we have dispensed over 20,000 ounces of milk to babies in hospitals and homes throughout the region. Currently, we refer donors to our partner milk bank in Ohio, as we receive processed milk from them to dispense here in New England.

In July 2008, we received our first foundation grant, from the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, for \$41,800 over two years for medical and community education and our Milk Money Fund, helping families cover the costs of banked milk regardless of their income.

On Friday April 24, 2009, MMBNE is holding a one day conference "Human Milk Banking: Preventive Medicine in Practice" for health care providers from all over New England. We have also presented grand rounds and symposia in hospitals throughout Massachusetts. In April, 2010 we look forward to hosting the international conference of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA), celebrating 100 years of milk banking in North American which began, appropriately, at the Floating Children's Hospital in Boston in 1910.

Our main focus for 2009-2010 is to establish a fully functioning lab facility to begin collecting and pasteurizing donor human milk locally. We are also developing partnerships with hospitals, medical schools and universities in the area to further research on donor human milk.

In order to achieve our goals, we need your help. Donations from foundations and individuals like you will help us continue to provide banked milk for our most vulnerable babies by allowing us to purchase equipment to process and store human milk, cover the cost of milk collection kits and screening tests for new donors and to educate the medical and lay communities about the benefits of banked human milk.

Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to MMBNE, Inc. and send it along with a completed form found in the enclosed brochure to:

MMBNE, Inc.
P.O. Box 60-0091
Newtonville, MA 02460

If you prefer, you can visit our web site www.milkbankne.org to make a donation on-line via Paypal.

On behalf of babies and their families who will be served by MMBNE, our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Raechel Hackney and Jane Crotteau