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MESSAGE FROM
OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thanks to our milk donors, financial supporters, volunteers, and health care partners, we have much to share about our work in 2018. Operating for the first full year in our state-of-the-art building on Dillard Circle, we achieved all-time highs for number of milk donors, volume of milk donated, number of milk collection depots, volume of milk processed and dispensed, number of hospitals served, number of outpatients served — and number of babies whose lives were saved or who grew and thrived because they had access to safe, donor human milk. Through our advocacy, research and development, and mentoring of new milk banks, we are proud to be acknowledged as a leader in milk banking across the country and around the world.

Much remains to be done, however. Studies show that nearly 30% of U.S. neonatal intensive care units do not provide donor milk when mom’s own supply is unavailable. Access to donor milk and infant health outcomes differ by race and socio-economic status. Too many parents and health care providers do not yet know about milk banking and the lifesaving properties of donor milk for severely low birthweight and ill infants. And conditions in most other countries are worse.

MMBA’s Board of Directors made a commitment in 2018 to “Go Big,” with the long-term goal of ensuring that by 2025 all babies in U.S. neonatal intensive care who need donor milk receive it. We embrace these challenges and look forward to engaging with the supporters and partners who can help us carry out our mission.

Kim Updegrove, CNM, MSN, MPH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MOTHERS’ MILK BANK AT AUSTIN
MISSION + VALUES

MMBA’s mission is to save babies’ lives by providing prescribed, pasteurized donor human milk. Our founding neonatologists Audelio Rivera and George Sharpe in 1998 envisioned a non-profit milk bank that saves babies in Austin and beyond and that establishes best practices for the milk banking industry.

Our work is guided by our key values:

- We believe in the importance of breastfeeding for all infants.
- We are dedicated to educating the medical and general community about the importance of donor human milk.
- We believe in research to enhance the knowledge of human donor milk benefits.
- We believe babies with a medical need for donor human milk should receive it regardless of financial resources or insurance coverage.
- We are dedicated to continuous improvement in the processes that allow us to serve our clients.
- We recognize and appreciate the importance of volunteers and donors to the success of our organization.
- We value independence from commercial influence and are dedicated to operating as a nonprofit organization.
- We value coordination and collaboration with other organizations with common interests.
- We recognize the importance of community support.
MOTHERS’ MILK BANK AT AUSTIN
2018 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Photo top left
Donor mom, Diamide Olpuma, who joined the MMBA staff in December, drops off her first milk donation.

Photo top center
MMBA Board Member Nan Kinzler and guest Jann Winstead at MMBA’s For the Love of Giving luncheon.

Photo bottom center
MMBA Board President Julia Weatherly visits the Pumpspotting bus during their stop in Austin at MMBA.

Photo far right
MMBA volunteers, staff, and board members enjoy an evening out at Hello My Tribe’s Girl Party which helped raise over $5,000 for MMBA’s Charitable Care Program.
Approved a record number of milk donors:

Dispensed a record volume of donor milk:
Launched a program to provide donor milk, as available, to hospitals’ Well Baby Units and healthy infants in the community.
• Welcomed community groups into our new, 30-seat Education Center, including RecognizeGood, Central Texas Breastfeeding Coalition, Central Texas Doula Coalition, Central Texas Perinatal Coalition, and numerous student groups.
• Mentored new developing milk banks in San Diego and Tennessee.
• Provided strategic counsel for groups seeking to launch milk banks in Guam and South Korea.
• Joined a new donor milk constellation of the United States Breastfeeding Committee.
• Continued to lead the Guidelines Committee and served on the Conference Committee, Research Committee, and Nutrient Analyzer Taskforce of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA).

• Presented lectures and seminars on milk banking, maternal and child health, and workplace policies to support breastfeeding at conferences, hospitals, and universities across the country.
• Qualified for designation by Mission Capital as Austin’s Outstanding Nonprofit of the Year, citing our “relentless focus on results [that] has created powerful progress for the Central Texas community.”
For the tenth consecutive year, MMBA revenues exceeded expenses. Our larger, custom-designed laboratory facilities enabled us to ship over 250,000 bottles of safe, nutritionally-labeled and barcoded donor milk while reducing unit processing costs.

For the first time we marketed and sold our custom-designed bottles to other non-profit milk banks, reducing their costs while diversifying our own revenues.

We also benefited from a zero-interest, recoverable grant agreement with the St. David’s Foundation, which replaced the bank mortgage on our property. The Foundation’s generosity will reduce our debt financing costs for the next ten years.

Also critical to our 2018 results were grants and donations from the foundations, corporations, and individuals listed hereafter. In particular, these charitable contributions help to support our Charitable Care Program, through which MMBA provides milk to outpatient families with financial need, including those qualifying for Medicaid, which does not reimburse our full costs.
MMBA extends our sincerest appreciation to the individuals and corporate and foundation Friends of the Milk Bank who generously gifted $250 or more in 2018.

MOTHERS’ MILK BANK AT AUSTIN FRIENDS OF THE MILK BANK

INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous
Blake and Christine Absher
Brittney Albracht
Justin and Jacquelyn Alexander
Marianne Baker Bolduc and David Bolduc
Gary and Elizabeth Barrett
Nancy Beckett
Melody and Patrick Birdsong

Patricia Bowers
David Breed
Catherine Bridge
Veronica and Jack Cogwin
Marshall and Suzy Cothran
Marion Dausses
Bonnie DeAtley
Leonard and Sally DiSanza
INDIVIDUALS continued

Rachel Donnelly
Brianna Edwards
Kira Elbert
Rachel Ellis
Vida Esfandiari
Jordan and Matt Ferris
Jefferson French
Marynia and James Goertz
Kevin and Jennifer Goetz
Sarah Goforth
Jennifer and Matthew Harold
Dan Hazen
Steven Highlander
Courtney Hoffman
Carolyn and Cameron Kenny
Donald and Rebecca Kinnett
Nancy Kinzler
Terynes Kleffman
Amanda and Daniel Koellhofer
Sydney Kometani and Peter Untalan
Caroline Littleton
Kristen Lund
Laura MacLoughlin
Katharine Marvin
Mary and John McCarthy
Stephanie and Michael McCollum
Kimberly and Alan McCollum
Ann Mcginley
Michael Crowe and Hope Morrison
Michael Nix
Jonna Nobles
Cat and Brian Nummy
Leah and James Nyfeler
Manny and Lee Orosco
Wendy Parker
Melissa and Erich Plonke
Benjamin and Lauren Price
Hannah and Emilien Rabin
Tedrah and Duncan Robertson
Donna Robertson
Virginia Rohlich
Bret Sanders and Jana Sharpe - Sanders
Anissa and Mark Scholes
Jenny Sexton
Jennifer Shinall
Cianan Sims
Marisela and Marc Smookler
Joan Stys
Karen Swenson & Ken Cauthern
Laura and Mike Sykes
Rachel Theriault and Sylvan Schwartz
John and Renaye Thornborrow
Han and Rachel Tjoeng
Dorothy and Brian Tomayko
Stacey Townsend
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Kimberly and Daniel Updegrove
Cristina Valdes
Katherine and Mark Voges
Carl and Cynthia Wallach
Brent and Susan Waters
Stefanie Watson
Julia Weatherby and Jay Weinshenker
Diana Wehs and Jim Tai
Brandon and Michelle Wenzel
Nicholas and Courtney Weynand
Donald and Janet Wilkerson
Colleen Williams

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Amazon Smile
America’s Best Local Charities
American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists
American Constructors
Austin Community Foundation
Austin Homebrew Supply
Barr Mansion
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Bright Funds Foundation
Central Texas OB/GYN Associates PLLC
Entergy Texas, Inc.
Enterprise Holdings Foundation
Fidelity Charitable
Friends of the Forest Foundation
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Hello My Tribe
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