



NorthernStar

MOTHERS MILK BANK

ABOUT



NorthernStar opened April 2012, and is the only community-based, non-profit milk bank in Canada



NorthernStar started as the Calgary Mothers' Milk Bank, but had to change its name when milk donors (and milk recipients) started to come from across Canada



NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank was almost called The Lighthouse Milk Bank, but the idea was nixed when moms thought it sounded like salad dressing



NorthernStars' first delivery was to the Foothills Hospital, where Executive Director Jannette Festival was once a nurse

BY THE OUNCE



OUNCES DISPENSED

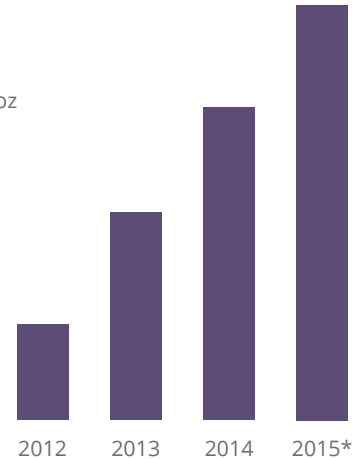
2012 - 30,000 oz

2013 - 65,000 oz

2014 - 98,000 oz

2015 - 130,000* oz

* (Projected)



IMPACT



Babies who receive donor human milk become stronger and more resilient, reducing the likelihood of being sicker as children and adults



Lowers risk of NEC - the most fatal gastrointestinal emergency in the NICU

Decreases incidence of feeding intolerance and diarrhea



On average, the use of donor human milk decreases a baby's length of stay in the NICU by approximately two weeks

Decreases risk of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) - a potentially blinding eye disease that is primarily seen in premature babies

Lowers sepsis (infection) rates

MILK BANKING



In 1985, the Human Milk Banking Association of North America

HMBANA

was established to address this growing practice. NorthernStar is a proud member of HMBANA.



NorthernStar

has 5 milk drop locations and will open 6 more to serve out-of-town donors.



In 1934, Canada's Dionne Quintuplets of Ontario received 120 shipments of donor human milk. This milk is credited with keeping them alive and thriving. The Junior League was largely credited for mobilizing this effort.

Mothers give for selfless reasons



they are not compensated

WHERE THE MILK GOES

- COMMUNITIES
- HOSPITALS

