



NorthernStar

MOTHERS MILK BANK

Every Precious Drop Counts

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



Originally Calgary Mothers' Milk Bank, we became NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank in November 2015 to recognize donors & recipients from across Canada.



Donor Human Milk (DHM) helps babies in the NICU by decreasing risk for a potentially fatal gastrointestinal infection called NEC, along with many other infections.

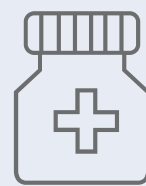
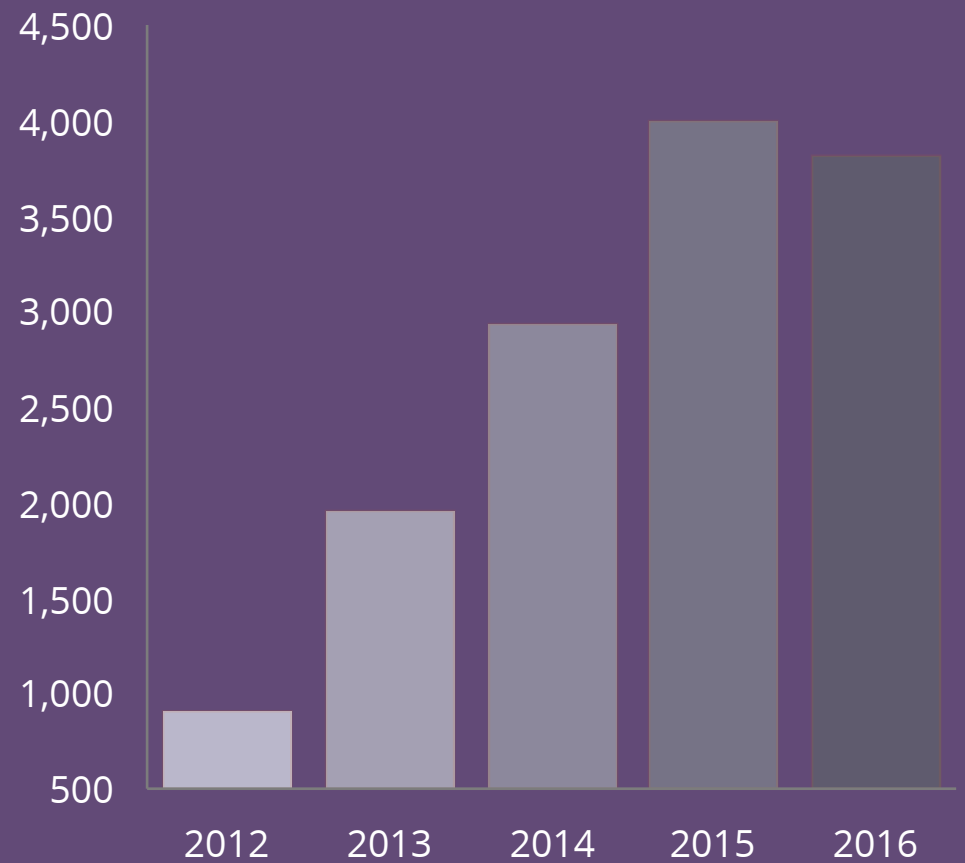


NICU babies receiving DHM can go home approximately 2 weeks earlier.



The Canadian Paediatric Society states that if a mom is unable to feed her baby, pasteurized Donor Human Milk is the next best option.

Litres Dispensed



For premature and ill babies, Donor Human Milk is not just food, it's medicine.

Safety of the milk is extremely important. Moms are screened through:



Verbal phone interview



Written questionnaire



Health Care Provider visit



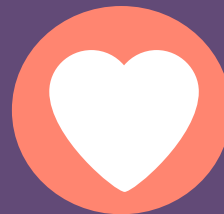
Blood test



Pre- and post-pasteurization testing of the milk before dispensation



Many recipients of donor human milk weigh 1-3 pounds and have a stomach the size of a blueberry.



The beneficial components of human milk cannot be manufactured, it can only come from our generous donors.



Donor moms give for selfless reasons. They are not financially compensated.



The furthest we've ever shipped milk was to India for premature Canadian twins.



NMMB has served hospitals and outpatients in 7 provinces.



Canada has 2 other HMBANA Milk Banks located in Vancouver and Toronto.



Couriers are used to deliver milk overnight to and from the Milk Bank, coast to coast.



There are 11 Milk Drops located across the prairie provinces to deliver donors' milk to the Milk Bank.

Milk Drop Locations

- Edmonton (2)
- Fort McMurray
- Grande Prairie
- Lethbridge
- Medicine Hat
- Red Deer
- Regina
- Saskatoon
- Winnipeg
- Yorkton
- NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank, Calgary

