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**Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee Partners with Shults Pediatrics to Open the 13<sup>th</sup> Milk Drop Depot**

Knoxville, TN – Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee announces a formal partnership with Shults Pediatrics to become the organization's 13<sup>th</sup> Milk Drop Depot in the state. The Milk Drop Depot at Shults Pediatrics will provide a convenient place for pre-screened and approved milk donors to donate their frozen milk to Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee. Donations received at Shults Pediatrics will be transported to Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee's facility in Murfreesboro, TN. Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit milk bank dedicated to providing safe, pasteurized donor human milk to the most vulnerable babies. The organization filters, mixes, bottles, pasteurizes and cultures donated breastmilk from approved donors before distributing the donor milk to neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) in Tennessee.

"The opening of the state's 13<sup>th</sup> Milk Drop Depot at Shults Pediatrics will allow Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee to better serve our approved donors in the Knoxville area," said Susan Campbell, MD, IBCLC, and Executive Director of Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee.

Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee is the state's only nonprofit milk bank. The organization relies on support from the entire state to further advance their mission to serve all the NICU babies in Tennessee in need of human donor milk and support breastfeeding mothers.

"I applaud the physicians and leadership at Shults Pediatrics and Summit Medical Group for their strategic partnership with Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee. Becoming a Milk Drop Depot is a great way to promote the benefits of breastmilk while also providing a great service to donor moms. Their support will allow us to reach more medically fragile babies across Tennessee's NICUs," said Campbell.

The opening of the Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee's 13<sup>th</sup> Milk Drop Depot will be held at Shults Pediatrics in Knoxville, TN on July 29 at 5 p.m. (EST).

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**About**

Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee is a nonprofit milk bank founded in 2014 by Susan Campbell, MD, IBCLC and Helen Scott, RN, IBCLC to provide pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) to at-risk babies across Tennessee. Since its inception, the organization has created 13 Milk Drop Depot sites across Tennessee where mothers can drop off excess breastmilk. In November 2021, the organization opened its pasteurization facility in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to serve the entire state. Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee is a Proud Member Milk Bank with the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) To learn more, please visit [milkbanktn.org](http://milkbanktn.org).