

"Our parenting journey started off way differently than we anticipated. Our daughter was born 9 weeks early and spent a month and a half in the NICU. While my milk was coming in, she benefitted from donor milk, which she received via a feeding tube. I am so grateful to the amazing moms who helped make our baby girl stronger. When my oversupply gave us the opportunity to pay it forward, we didn't hesitate. I know how hard it is to be a premie parent, and how important it is to know your baby is growing and getting stronger. I became a milk donor to help NICU babies like mine, to help families when they need it most." - Kelly



I am a pediatrician. During my residency, I ordered donor breastmilk for babies as part of the NICU team. Breastmilk is the number one choice. I am grateful for my breastfeeding journey with my milk monster, Warren, and a body that has allowed me to have such sweet bonding memories with my babies. I encourage mamas who are looking for a way to literally give part of yourself to a beautiful cause to look into becoming a milk bank donor.
-Aileen

"I realized the only way I could make peace with my daughter's death, was to find a way to honor her life. When my milk came in the morning after Elowyn was born, my doctor offered me solutions to dry it up, but I declined. My breastmilk was the only physical connection I had left to my daughter, and I didn't want to let it go to waste. By becoming a breastmilk donor, my precious daughter Elowyn Rose continues to live on in Spirit through the many little lives. The milk she left behind for me to donate provided more than 1,000 meals for some of America's most fragile and vulnerable newborns. I cannot think of a better way to honor my daughter's memory, and I am forever grateful to be a part of this amazing community." - Courtney



"I gave birth to Karisma at 32 weeks pregnant. I understood the importance of providing breastmilk to my premature daughter. Unfortunately, I experienced delayed lactation, which is common after a preterm delivery. Karisma received donor milk in the NICU until my milk came in. After 21 days in the NICU, I was able to take my daughter home. Karisma has thrived on breastmilk. I have continued to pump and became a milk donor. I felt it was important to give my extra milk to help other vulnerable babies." - Amanda



"Our journey started when I realized that I had way more milk than my baby, Hadley needed. I had a huge freezer stash by the time she was a month old. Donating was an easy decision. The idea of helping so many fragile babies with this gift brings me so much joy! I believe, without a doubt that God has given me this ability so I can help others. To date, we have donated over 3,166 oz and have provided over 6,000 meals to fragile babies in the NICU. If you are thinking about donating, please do! You will never regret it." - Kristen

My daughter was born at 34 weeks. She was admitted to the hospital for 19 days. She received donor milk through a feeding tube until my milk came in. We are so thankful for the donor milk she received. Because of that, I am proud to say that formula has never touched my daughter's stomach. She's now such a healthy girl. -Kimberly

