

Over 40 Years of Saving Babies!

1910

The first milk bank in the United States opened in Boston, MA on a “floating hospital” kept in the harbor to keep the nursing women and infants away from disease.

IN THE BEGINNING



1980

Denver mother Joyce Ann needed milk to feed her premature baby, Benjamin. She was not able to produce enough for him and his hospital could only supplement his feedings with formula. She made it her mission to ensure other premature babies had access to donor human milk.

1984

Mothers' Milk Bank was established in Denver, Colorado. A year later, MMB joined St. Luke's Hospital.



1985

The Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) was established to provide evidenced-based guidelines and standards for the industry.

1993

Mothers' Milk Bank moved to the new Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center campus.

2008

Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation (RMCHF) was established and became the parent organization for Mothers' Milk Bank.



Rocky Mountain
Children's Health
FOUNDATION

2011

The Surgeon General recommended systematic review of safety and health benefits of banked donor milk, development of evidence-based guidelines for use of the milk and establishment of regulation and financial support of donor milk banks.

2012

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended, “if mother’s own milk is unavailable, despite significant lactation support, pasteurized donor milk should be used.”

2014

Mothers' Milk Bank celebrated our 30th anniversary and the accomplishment of dispensing more than 3 million ounces of donor human milk since opening.

2015

Mothers' Milk Bank expanded our facility and received ISO Class 7 cleanroom certification – the first nonprofit milk bank in the nation to do so.

2018

Mothers' Milk Bank unveiled the Perpetual Grace Memorial Grove, a beautiful tribute to mothers who donate their milk after the tragic loss of a baby. We also opened Colorado's first Baby Cafe!



2022

During the nationwide formula shortage, Mothers' Milk Bank partnered with the Governor's office to provide free donor human milk to babies in Colorado.

2024

Mothers' Milk Bank celebrated our 40th anniversary with over 10 million ounces of donor milk distributed to date!