

Please fax completed agreement to Jean Drulis,
Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa, 319-384-9933.

**Parent Agreement to Feed Banked Human
Milk from the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa**

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Human milk is the preferred feeding for infants. But there are times when a mother cannot provide human milk for her baby. That is almost always the case during the first few days after birth because it usually takes a minimum of two days for the mother's milk to come in, and often it takes much longer. During that time, the baby receives the colostrum the mother provides. But by providing additional (banked) human milk, we stimulate the baby's stomach and provide valuable nutrition. Also, when babies are already older, mothers who have been pumping successfully sometimes experience a decline in the milk supply. We then supplement her milk supply with milk from the Mother's Milk Bank. Some mothers have elected not to pump. For the baby to receive the benefits of mother's milk, we can feed milk from the Mother's Milk Bank.

The Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa provides pasteurized (heat-treated) human milk. The milk is donated by healthy women who are nursing their own babies and have extra milk to donate to the Milk Bank. The donors are carefully screened. They receive no compensation. The milk from several donors is pooled and heat-treated. The heat treatment kills all known viruses and bacteria. Before the milk is dispensed it is tested to make sure it contains no bacteria.

We would like to feed your baby donated, heat-treated human milk from the Milk Bank. The alternative to banked human milk is formula. You have been given a brochure that provides additional information about the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa. By signing below you acknowledge that you have been informed about banked human milk and its intended use in feeding your baby.

I am in agreement that my baby _____ should be
(print your baby's first and last names)
fed banked human milk provided by the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa. I have been provided information about the Milk Bank and have had the opportunity to ask questions about banked human milk.

(parent signature)

(date)

(printed name of parent)

(relationship to baby)

(witness)

(date)