

QC milk bank hands gift of life

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Godsend.

Babies at the Tala Hospital in Caloocan City with Covid-positive mothers have received milk donations from the **Quezon City Human Milk Bank (QCHMB)**.

With their mothers in quarantine, the babies at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of the said hospital received pasteurized milk from QCHMB.

Sick and premature babies will benefit from the donated breastmilk, according to QCHMB Head Dr. Shahani Duque.

“It has always been a part of the QCHMB’s program to extend our services to in-need infants and moms regardless of the city they are in,” Duque said.

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The QCHMB and the **QC Health Department** collect from breastfeeding moms in the city’s 32 lying-in clinics. QCHMB also picks up bags of milk from screened private donors.

In May, the QCHMB also provided seven liters of pasteurized human milk to neonates at the Philippine General Hospital affected by the fire accident in the hospital.

Last year, the city also helped breastfeeding mothers affected by the Taal Volcano eruption.

“The donations were made possible because of the continued support of our QC mother donors. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to them who, despite the pandemic, continue to donate their extra breast milk to the milk bank, which we give out to babies in need,” she said.

The milk bank was established in 2015 to aid babies and their mothers who experience difficulty breastfeeding, such as patients.

To date, it has donated over 979,624 milliliters of pasteurized milk to 5,023 beneficiaries as far as Mindanao, seeking to provide milk to in-need babies for the first 1,000 days of their lives.

August is National Breastfeeding Aware.

Breastfeeding mothers interested in donating milk may coordinate with the QCHMB at 8863-08-00 or they may also send a message to the Quezon City Human Milk Bank Facebook page. <https://web.facebook.com/>