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## **10,000 MEALS ON THEIR WAY TO SOUTH AFRICAN INFANTS AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS**

### **International Breast Milk Project sends 6th shipment of donated breast milk to South Africa**

Monrovia, California, USA. (May 19, 2008) – It is said that the common ingredient in breast milk is a mother's love. International Breast Milk Project (IBMP) is enabling mothers from across the United States, to help infants on the other side of the world in a way that only a mother can – by providing them with their donated breast milk.

On May 20, 2008 International Breast Milk Project will be sending its 6th shipment of donated breast milk to South Africa. The shipment will consist of 43,000 ounces of tested and pasteurized donated breast milk, which is equivalent to approximately 10,000 infant meals. In the past, milk has been sent to the iThemba Lethu milk bank in Durban to supplement their local milk collections for their orphan home. This shipment will be shared with Milk Matters, a milk bank in Cape Town.

Milk Matters is a non-profit organization that collects donated breast milk and supplies it to babies deprived of their mothers' own milk, giving them the best possible start in life. Headed by a passionate and dedicated team, Milk Matters aims to educate both the public and medical personnel about the need for donor breast milk and the incredible benefits that it provides to babies. Milk Matters is also extremely active in promoting of the advantages of breastfeeding in the community.

Quick International Courier, a Manhattan based priority transportation and logistics company with offices throughout the world, has again generously donated the transport of the milk to South Africa. Quick has been involved with IBMP for over a year and is an instrumental partner in the project due to their expertise with the transportation and logistics of life-critical and time-sensitive items and their continuous support for IBMP's shipping needs.

Etlin International Trading contributed warehouse space to store the breast milk

and Barpo Storage helped facilitate the connection. The International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, a trade association that promotes and supports excellence and professionalism in the controlled-temperature warehouse and logistics industry, introduced International Breast Milk Project to the two companies.

Prolacta Bioscience, a life science company, has been partnering with IBMP since 2006 to process and package the donated breast milk.

International Breast Milk Project is the first organization in the world to provide donor breast milk from the United States to infants affected by HIV in Africa. The first batch of donor milk arrived to the iThemba Lethu orphan home in Durban, South Africa in April 2006 and contained the milk of one mom, Jill Youse. She then went on to develop the project into a successful non-profit organization. Since the first shipment, over 3000 moms have applied to donate and over 60,000 ounces have already been sent to infants affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. The organization is also raising thousands of dollars to help fund local healthcare initiatives in Africa, which include local milk banking.

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