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Milk depot opens at Hamilton Medical Center

DALTON, Ga. (January 26, 2026) – Designed to create an accessible, convenient way for local families to donate life-saving human milk for medically fragile infants, a human milk depot has opened at Hamilton Medical Center (HMC).

The milk depot is a partnership with the nonprofit Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin. The Dalton location is a collection site where approved donors drop off milk that is then sent to be processed and distributed.

“It goes to the most medically needy children,” said Leetta Stanley, international board-certified lactation consultant for HMC. Stanley oversees the program at HMC.

Stanley said the drop-off location is part of a broader community outreach to help educate the community about the importance of breastfeeding.

“The body can break down breast milk easier than it can break down formula, and for our most medically fragile newborns, it is even more important,” she said.

Those interested in donating milk must set up an appointment by calling 706-272-6414.

The depot is in the Turner Maternal & Infant Care Center. Donors must be approved in advance and are asked to start the process at milkbank.org/donate-milk.

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Photo: Turner Maternal and Infant Care Center associates at Hamilton Medical Center are pictured.

About Hamilton Medical Center

The flagship affiliate for Vitruvian Health's Northwest Georgia region, Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) is a 255-bed regional acute-care hospital that offers major medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including accredited stroke and chest pain centers. Advanced technology and wellness are two significant areas of focus for HMC. Services include the freestanding Hamilton Ambulatory Surgery Center, Hamilton Diagnostics Center, and Bradley Wellness Center, as well as a Level II trauma center, Peoples Cancer Institute, Heart & Vascular program (including open heart surgery), Hamilton Spine Health and Sport, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and more.

About Vitruvian Health

Vitruvian Health, formerly Hamilton Health Care System, is a not-for-profit, fully integrated health system serving the Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee regions. Vitruvian includes Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Ga., and Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn., affiliated physician practices, walk-in care centers, retirement and skilled nursing centers, a diagnostic center, a cancer institute, an institute for children with developmental delays, and more. Known for its advanced care and personalized service, Vitruvian Health offers innovative treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining a compassionate, friendly and tranquil healing environment.

The Vitruvian name draws from the organization's recognizable da Vinci-inspired Vitruvian Man icon, which has been a prominent part of Hamilton's logo since 1976. Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man represents harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all aspects of health, perfectly aligning with Hamilton's integrated system of care.