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**LOCAL GROUP HELPS SAVE PREMATURE AND AT-RISK BABIES AT
REDLANDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

**Special Gift Presented to Hospital During World Breastfeeding Month Thanks to
Kiwanis Young Children Priority One Program**

REDLANDS, Calif—Redlands Community Hospital will be presented with special breast milk equipment to help save premature and at-risk babies thanks to the Kiwanis “Young Children Priority One” program on Tuesday, August 25.

The local Kiwanis group will be donating a Medela Creamatocrit Plus Centrifuge to the hospital, a machine designed to measure the caloric and lipid content of breast milk. The group raised more than \$2,000 for the new equipment and it will be the hospital’s first centrifuge machine for breast milk. The equipment will be used at various locations throughout the hospital to assist the nutrition management of premature and at-risk babies.

“Many of the babies need the centrifuge to enable them to have healthier breast milk at critical times, rather than formula,” says Jessica Valerini, a mother and patient at Redlands Community Hospital. “I’m grateful the hospital has this kind of technology to make my baby healthy and am very thankful to the Kiwanis group for their fundraising efforts.”

Breast milk is important as not only does it provide better nutrition it also provides the premature and at-risk baby with lifetime immunity. Redlands Community Hospital and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding (WABA) hopes to draw attention to the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergencies worldwide, stress the need for active protection and support of breastfeeding, and inform mothers, breastfeeding advocates, communities, and health professionals about the benefits of breastfeeding.

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