

Life's Little Treasures Foundation

Breast Pump Program



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difference.

The Life's Little Treasures Foundation Breast Pump Program, Presented by Medela

Thank you for interest in the Life's Little Treasures Foundation Breast Pump Program.

Our Breast Pump Program is open to limited applications from social workers, lactation consultants and other hospital staff on behalf of patient families who meet the application criteria.

We are pleased to present you with the following information and encourage you to save the link provided for our online form for use when you apply to access the program.

"It is a great honour and a pleasure for us to partner with Life's Little Treasures in their support of parents on their prematurity journey, often a journey they haven't anticipated. At Medela, we always try to do more as we know that the need is great. This Breast Pump program will ensure parents have access to pumps when they need it most, supporting them in having the best chance in establishing their milk supply during such a difficult time."

Jarrod Percy,
Managing Director
Medela Australia

About the Program



Australia's infant feeding guidelines recommend exclusive breastfeeding of infants to six months of age when solid foods are introduced, and breastfeeding is encouraged until the age of 12 months and beyond.

Although the value of breast milk is well understood, there are many barriers that can make it difficult for women to start and establish their milk supply. This is even more true for parents with babies in neonatal intensive care units.

Parents of premature and sick babies often need to establish their milk supply using a breast pump as their baby is too unwell or underdeveloped to establish feeding through the breast.



Mothers are required to continue to express milk both in hospital and at home for weeks and sometimes months after their baby is born and is required to stay in hospital for medical care.

Families who are financially unable to purchase, or hire, a pump are then facing the difficult decision to stop expressing breastmilk and move to formula.

Through the LLTF Breast Pump Program, LLTF wishes to reduce the barriers for parents of premature and sick babies in establishing milk supply and support them in giving their baby the best possible start in life.

Breast Pump Pack Inclusions

Each pump supplied will be a new, individually boxed Medela Swing Maxi (or similar grade pump from Medela's available range of products), a double electric breast pump with a recommended retail value of **\$428.35**. This pump pack is for the individual use of the family to whom it is supplied, and is theirs to keep at no charge, thanks to our major sponsor and long-time partner, Medela.

Each LLTF Breast Pump Program pack includes:

- 1 x Swing Maxi motor unit
- 1 x USB charging cable
- 1 x USB power adapter
- 1 x instruction manual
- 2 x 150 ml bottle with lid
- 2 x bottle stand
- 2 x PersonalFit Flex™ connector
- 2 x PersonalFit Flex™ breast shield (21 mm)
- 2 x PersonalFit Flex™ breast shield (24 mm)



Program Application Steps

Who can apply?

Hospital social workers, lactation consultants or nominated health professional via our website.

Any conditions to meet?

Minimum of one of the following must be met:

- The family must currently have a baby in NICU/SCN
- The family is unable to afford to hire or purchase an appropriate pump.
- The family is wanting to establish and provide breastfeeding or breast milk for their baby.
- Baby was born at 32 weeks or earlier or has a major health complication requiring a long stay in hospital of 4 weeks or more.
- Families from disadvantaged, Indigenous, Torres Strait Island backgrounds or rural or regional locations are high priority.

How to apply:

All applications must be submitted via the LLTF online form on our website:

[www.lifslittletreasures.org.au/
breast-pump-program-
application](http://www.lifslittletreasures.org.au/breast-pump-program-application)



Check out our website for more information on the LLTF Breast Pump Program or reach out to our friendly team to find out more about this program and how you can apply for a free breast pump pack on behalf of eligible families under your care.

