

Dear Parents,

Welcome to M.A.Z.E. Cord Blood Laboratories. This is a wonderful and exciting time in your life and we are glad that you are considering including us in your medical care.

The enclosed brochure should help to answer most of your questions regarding cord blood banking. However, we encourage you to call our lab at 914.683.0000, should you have any additional questions. If you have not already done so, and are interested in visiting our office or meeting with a coordinator, please feel free to set up an appointment.

Enclosed are all the forms you will need to register for cord blood storage. We have tried to make the process as simple as possible:

- Fill out the **Demographics and Health History** Form. This will allow us to contact you as well as review your medical history.
- Read and sign the **Informed Consent**, which describes the process of cord blood banking and what our responsibilities include.
- Review and sign the **Financial Agreement**, which describes our fees and payment schedules as well as our limits of liability. Please make sure to include the credit card you will use for making payment or we cannot process your registration.
- Review and sign our **Authorization to Disclose Health Information** form, which allows us to release your records to appropriate providers.

Please mail all the original forms to us in the enclosed envelope.

When we receive all of your forms, we will bill your credit card for \$100 and mail you your processing kit. The balance of your fee will not be billed until immediately after the cord blood is processed.

Please make sure to take your kit with you to the hospital and to inform the delivery nurse who is checking you in, that you plan to bank cord blood.

After the baby is born and the cord blood is collected, please have someone call the number on the box and we will have a courier pick up the blood.

Once our courier picks up the blood you can rest assured that your baby's cord blood is in the best of hands. You will receive a report on both your blood and the baby's blood a few weeks later and annually you will receive a post card asking for any change of address or personal status.

Again, thank you for considering M.A.Z.E. Cord Blood Laboratories. We will do everything within our power to make this experience as simple and uncomplicated as possible for you and we wish you much joy in the impending birth of your child.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Werner, M.D., FACS
Clinical Director