

## Why Breastfeed?

Breastfeeding is as old as the hills. It is tried and true. It is, hands down, one of Nature's greatest inventions. But inquiring minds want to know: What exactly makes this practice so compelling? Why should I go to the trouble? Will my baby be able to tell the difference? Aaaah. Let us fill in the blanks.

# **Breastfeeding Benefits for Parent and Child**

### **For Baby**

- Provides naturally organic nourishment
- Automatically adapts to baby's changing needs
- Immunizes and protects against infections
- Stimulates gut flora and improves feeding tolerance
- Promotes brain development and visual activity
- Contains essential fatty acids DHA and ARA
- Increases Intelligence Quotient (IQ)

#### Reduces the risk of:

- Childhood obesity
- Diabetes
- Ulcerative colitis
- Crohns disease
- Respiratory and ear infections
- Diarrhea

### **For Mom**

- Accelerates post-pregnancy weight loss
- Provides 24/7 feeding readiness
- Imparts feelings of tranquility
- Delays postpartum onset of menstrual cycle

#### Reduces the risk of:

- Breast cancer
- Ovarian cancer
- Osteoporosis
- Atherosclerosis

