

Intended Parent Personal Information

This information on this page is for My Donor Connection information only and will not be provided to any potential Surrogates.

Full Legal Name		Phone	
Gender		Email	
DOB:		Skype	
Address		Ok to leave message?	
Birthplace		Social Security #	
US Citizen?		Drivers License #	

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Please provide your annual household income:

Intended parents with an annual household income less than \$80,000 should contact a member of our team for additional information on our philanthropy program.

Intended Parent Profile

Your profile is kept confidential. It will only be shared with a Surrogate that you have identified as a potential match.

Relationship Status: Married / Single / Partners / Registered Partners

Are you working with a Fertility Clinic? Yes / No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Clinic Name:

Location:

Phone:

Name of Doctor:

Name of Nurse Coordinator (if known):

Do you have any children:

If yes, please list their gender & age:

Have you discussed having a child through Surrogacy with your child(ren)?

Have you worked with a Surrogate in the past?

Have you discussed with family & friends about having a Surrogate assist you on this journey?

Do you currently have frozen embryos? Yes / No

If yes, how many?

Who will be providing the eggs for IVF? Mother / Egg Donor / Both

Who will be providing the sperm for IVF? Father / Sperm Donor / Both

Have you considered PGD/ PGS? Yes / No / Unsure

How many embryos are you hoping to transfer? 1 / 2

How many children would you like your Surrogate to carry: Singleton / Twins

If your Surrogate is pregnant with multiples, would you consider selective reduction? Yes / No

Reduce from Triplets to Twins: Yes / No

Reduce from Triplets to Singleton: Yes / No

Reduce from Twins to Singleton: Yes / No

If the fetus has abnormalities, would you terminate the pregnancy? Yes / No

If yes, please specify:

Are you currently receiving treatments for any medical conditions?

Name: Yes / No

Name: Yes / No

If yes, please explain:

Are you currently taking any prescription medication:

Name: Yes / No

Name: Yes / No

If yes, please explain:

Do you suffer from any health conditions?

Name: Yes / No

Name: Yes / No

If yes, please explain:

What is your occupation?

Name:

Name:

Will you be making changes to your career/ lifestyle after the baby is born? Yes / No

If yes, please explain:



What is your preferred method of communication: Phone / Email / Skype

Do you speak English:

Are you able to effectively communicate in English by email?

Will you require the assistance of a translator?

What languages do you speak:

Can you tell us about your journey to become a parent? Why are you considering a Gestational Surrogate?

Can you describe your personality?

Name:

Name:

What do you like to do in your free time?

Name:

Name:

What type of relationship would you like with your Surrogate:

During Pregnancy:


Birth Process:

Post Delivery:

Do you plan on attending OB/GYN appointments with your Surrogate? Yes / No

Is it important that you are in the delivery room during the birth of your baby?

Please share as much information as you feel comfortable, your Surrogate will want to get to know you as an individual/ couple.



(Tell us about your life, family values, childhood, holidays with family, etc. If you are in a relationship- we'd love to know how you met, describe your relationship, favorite things to do together.)

Finally, please provide as many photos as you feel comfortable sharing. You can include them in this document OR email them to Nicole@MyDonorConnection.com

WHAT MAKES AN IDEAL GESTATIONAL SURROGATE?

One of the most important characteristics of a Surrogate is the genuine desire to help others. Our surrogates must be responsible and mature as we need to rely on you to make doctor appointments, take medication as instructed, understand and accept the risks of pregnancy: both mental and emotional. You will be undergoing one of the most amazing journeys and helping another couple achieve their dreams!

Throughout the entire process, our team, the parents medical team and the intended parents will be here to support you.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Be a citizen of the US
2. Be between the ages of 21-40
3. Had a healthy pregnancy and delivered full term without complications
4. Be both physically and mentally healthy
5. Must abstain from drugs, alcohol, smoking (as well as second hand smoke) throughout the medical process and pregnancy
6. Have a healthy BMI (under 33)
7. Able to take injectable medications over the course of several months
8. Not be on Government Assistance
9. Able to pass a background check
10. Valid Driver's License with reliable transportation for appointments
11. If you have a spouse/partner, it is also crucial that you have their full support before proceeding with the application. We will also need their participation in the medical and psychological screening.

WHAT WILL MY JOURNEY LOOK LIKE?

FINDING YOUR MATCH:

The first step is to complete our online application. A member of our team will contact you to set up an interview and go over your qualifications. We will go over the process and expectations and answer any questions you may have. If you are ready to proceed, we will assist you in creating a profile that will be presented to couples who are looking for their perfect match. We will also work with you to obtain copies of your medical records and your insurance policy. Once selected, you will be able to view a profile of the Intended Parents to see if you think they might be a good fit for you as well! Once a potential match has been identified, we will set up time for you to speak and/or meet in person after we have completed a background check on all parties.

We put a lot of effort in finding the right match the first time. There are many different factors that go into the matching process and we hope to connect you with a family that has the same expectations for the surrogacy. Once a match is confirmed, we prepare the groundwork of your cycle by signing agency service agreements, contacting legal representation in regards to drafting an agreement between you and the intended parents (an attorney will be provided for you), and establish an escrow account which will hold all anticipated funds for your journey.

TESTING:

Once matched, we will initiate all medical and psychological testing required by the Intended Parents IVF Clinic. This consists of traveling to the intended parents clinic and undergoing the following screening:

- Physical and Pap Smear
- Infectious Disease Testing
- Hysteroscopy: a procedure that will allow the doctor to look inside your uterus and examine the cervix using a thin, lighted tube.
- Psychological Evaluation & MMPI

- **Mock Cycle:** You begin taking the same medications that would lead up to a normal transfer. This gives the doctor a understanding as to how you respond to the medication and they can make changes as needed.

LEGAL:

The attorney representing the Intended Parents will draft a legal agreement that will clearly lay out all the fine details of your surrogacy arrangement. We will provide you with an attorney to go over the contract with you and will assist with negotiating any changes. Once signed, all funds needed for your cycle will then be transferred to the escrow account and you will begin receiving payments per your legal agreement.

CYCLE:

Once we have medical & legal clearance to move forward, the clinic will design a calendar which will detail what medications to take/ when to take them. You will take medications for approximately 5-6 weeks prior to the embryo transfer and then typically through the first trimester to maintain healthy hormone levels for the babies development. You will take a pregnancy test ten days following the transfer. If positive, you will likely have few additional blood tests over the next few weeks to confirm that the hormone levels are rising appropriately. There will typically be an ultrasound about a month following transfer to confirm pregnancy.

During your first trimester, your pregnancy will be monitored by the Fertility Clinic. Once you near the end of the first trimester, your care will transfer to your own physician and your pregnancy care will continue just the same as your previous pregnancies.

THROUGHOUT THE PREGNANCY:

Your compensation typically is initiated once the pregnancy is confirmed and will continue throughout your pregnancy. Our team will administer those payments per your legal agreement with the parents (typically monthly installments) along with any appropriate expense reimbursement.

Throughout the pregnancy, you and the intended parents can enjoy as much communication as you wish. Often parents try to join the surrogate for medical appointments, or may just enjoy communicating with you to see how everything is going. As you near the end of the pregnancy, arrangements will be made for the parents to join you at the hospital for the arrival of their baby! It is an amazing gift- one that will change your lives!

FAQs

The Difference between a Gestational and Traditional Surrogate:

A Traditional Surrogate is one that achieves pregnancy by going through IVF or artificial insemination with sperm from the intended father or donor sperm. The eggs utilized are those of the Surrogates and she is genetically related to the child.

A Gestational Surrogate achieves pregnancy by going through IVF cycle with an embryo that has no genetic link to the Surrogate (an embryo created using the intended mother/ donor egg and intended father / donor sperm). My Donor Connection only manages Gestational Surrogates.

What physician will I see throughout the pregnancy?

Typically your pregnancy is managed by the intended parents clinic for the first trimester. Once you enter the second trimester, it is common for you to use a doctor near you (or one that you used for previous pregnancies). There is a chance the intended parents may request a specific doctor/ hospital in your area so that you have access to a NICU.

Where will I deliver?

You will deliver at a hospital local to you.

Will travel be required?


This depends on the location of the intended parents. While every effort is made to find a local match, your Intended Parents (or their IVF clinic) may reside outside of your state. In situations where travel is needed, you will travel once for a screening visit and again for the transfer. Typically you travel alone for these appointments. If you require childcare while you travel, you can be reimbursed for those costs. The specifics will be outlined in your legal agreement with the Intended Parents.

What is the matching process like?

After completing your application, we will present your profile to specific parents who we believe holds the same expectations of the pregnancy. Once you have been identified as a potential match for a couple, we will also share with you some personal information about the couple as well. You will have the opportunity to speak with or meet the parents in person prior to matching to determine if they are also a good fit for what you are looking for!

What type of relationship should I expect with the intended parents throughout/ after the pregnancy?

Each Surrogacy is different. You can decide with the Intended Parents how much contact you would like to have. This is something you can discuss with the Intended Parents during the match process. They intended parents may wish to join for doctor appointments and ultrasounds. They will need to be present at the time of birth (or shortly thereafter) and we will assist with making arrangements so they can stay at the hospital



after the birth. Your relationship with the parents and baby after delivery will be decided between you and the parents.

What is the typical compensation for a Surrogate?

We allow our Surrogates to request a compensation that they feel is appropriate for this venture, within reason. We will discuss this with you during your interview to help you decide on an appropriate fee. Using a Gestational Surrogate is very expensive and your fee may determine how quickly you match, especially if your fee is higher than the normal range. While not as common, we have women who decide to be a Gestational Surrogate without compensation so that they can help another family who may not have the financial resources to proceed otherwise.

How long will it take to find a match?

There are many factors to take into consideration for matching. We may be able to find a potential match immediately, while others may take a few weeks. Your compensation and expectations of the pregnancy will play a key part in finding you a match.

How long will the entire process take?

The process of matching until the first embryo transfer takes a minimum of 4-5 months, sometimes longer. Once a match is confirmed, we will get started on medical screening, legal agreements and the medical protocol that will lead up to the embryo transfer.



What type of medication will I be taking?

The Intended Parents clinic will provide detailed information and instructions regarding your medication.

Surrogates typically start taking fertility medication several weeks prior to the embryo transfer. The medications will prepare your body for pregnancy. Medications can take the form of injection, pill, patch or intravaginal suppository.

Gestational Surrogate- Confidential Information

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Gestational Surrogate Information

Full Legal Name		Phone	
DOB:		Email	
Birthplace		Skype	
Address		Ok to leave message?	
How long at this address?		Social Security #	
US Citizen?		Drivers License #	

Partner/ Spouse Information (if applicable)

Full Legal Name		Phone	
Gender		Email	
DOB:		Skype	
Address		Ok to leave message?	
Birthplace		Social Security #	
US Citizen?		Drivers License #	

Please provide your annual household income:

Have you ever been a surrogate mother before?

If yes, please provide details:

Have you ever been screened to be a Gestational Surrogate before?

If yes, please provide details:

Gestational Surrogate Profile

All information on this application will be kept private and shared ONLY with the Intended Parent(s) and industry professionals assigned to the case management of your Surrogate Cycle

Height:

Weight:

Ethnic Background:

Blood Type:

Current form of birth control?

Do you have regular menstrual cycles?

Relationship Status:

If applicable, how long have you been with your partner?

Do you have the support of your partner in this venture?

Do you plan on having more children of your own in the future?

Do you have health insurance?

If so, please provide the following information:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Do you currently have maternity coverage?

Pregnancy Information

Question	Response	Details
Number of pregnancies		
Number of miscarriages		
Number of abortions		
Number of pre-term deliveries (<38 weeks)		
Number of pregnancies carried full term (38+ weeks)		
Number of cesarean sections		
Number of vaginal deliveries		

Any complications during pregnancy?

If yes, please explain:

Date of Birth	If delivered prior to 38 weeks, please	Weight	Vaginal Birth or Cesarean Section	

Any complications during delivery?

If yes, please explain:

Did you experience any issues with postpartum depression or anxiety?

If so, were you prescribed any medication?

Family History

The following questions apply to yourself and your family members, whether living or deceased. Please list the relation next to the genetic risk factor if it applies to a member of your family, along with any details you may wish to provide.

Adrenal Dysfunction	Hunter's Syndrome
Albinism	Huntington's Disease
Alcoholism	Hypospadias
Allergies	Kidney Disease/ Cancer
Alzheimer's	Lesch-Nyham Syndrome
Asthma	Leukemia
Blindness or significant vision loss	Liver Cancer
Breast Cancer	Marfan Syndrome
Cataracts before age 50	Muscular Dystrophy
Club Feet	Neurofibromatosis
Colon Disease	Phenylketonuria
Color Blindness	Pigmentation Disorder
Congenital Heart Disease	Premature Menopause
Chron's Disease	Prostate Cancer
Cystic Fibrosis	Pyloric Stenosis
Diabetes	Retinitis Pigmentosa
Drug Abuse or Addiction	Seizures
Endometriosis	Sickle-Cell Anemia
Epilepsy	Skin Cancer
Fragile X	Stroke
Gaucher's Disease	Tay Sachs
Goiter	Thalassemia
Hemophilia	Thyroid Disease/ Cancer
Hermaphroditism	Turner Syndrome
High Blood Pressure/ Hypertension	Ulcerative Colitis
High Cholesterol/ Lipids	Uterine Cancer/ Fibroids
Hirshsprung's Disease	Wilson's Disease

Risk Assessment

Do you have any medical problems?



If yes, please explain:

Any history of mental illness?

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever had an abnormal pap smear?

If so, please explain

Do you smoke or use tobacco products?

Does anyone in your household smoke?

If so, how often?

Do you consume alcohol?

If yes, how often?

Are you currently taking any medication?

If yes, please list all medications along with reason for medication.

Have you been diagnosed with an STD?

If yes, please list STD:

Date of last outbreak:

Are you sexually active?

Do you currently have more than one sexual partner?

Have you had any Tattoos or Piercings within the past year?

Do you or any member of your family receive government assistance?

Do you have a criminal record?

Personal



Why would you like to be a surrogate?

What recipients are you willing to work with?

If you have a preference, is there reasoning behind that you would be willing to share with us?

Are there certain qualities you are looking for when being matched with Intended Parents?

This can be an emotional process, do you anticipate any difficulties during this process?

Would you have emotional support from your family and friends during this process?

Do you have any concerns about their reaction?

It is crucial that you have the support of your partner during this entire process, does he/she have any concerns about the process or how your decision to be a surrogate will be received?


Would you be willing to carry multiples?

How would you feel if the parents and/or medical professional recommended terminating the pregnancy:

In a situation where health risks have been identified to you or the fetus?

In a situation where genetic abnormalities have been identified with the fetus?

How do you feel about reducing in the event of multiples?



Would you be willing to have an amniocentesis?

What type of relationship would you like to have with the intended parents:

Throughout the pregnancy:

Birth Process:

After Delivery:

Would you be willing to pump breastmilk for the intended parents?

Religious Beliefs:

How would others describe you?

What are you passionate about?

Hobbies or other interests?

Tell us about your partner:

Tell us about your child(ren):

Compensation

How much do you feel you should be compensated for this venture?



Is this fee negotiable depending on the resources available to the intended parents?

Does this fee increase if you were to carry multiples?

If so, please list how much more you would hope to be compensated: