

Dear Prospective Surrogate:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Surrogate. Helping a childless couple become a family is a truly generous gift. I applaud you for your consideration of surrogacy.

Surrogacy is an option that infertile couples are very uneasy about. They wonder how they can be sure their Surrogate will follow all her doctor's instructions, abide by the terms in the Contract, and if she will give them their Child. The infertile couple knows this is their last chance to have a biological child of their own.

Included in this packet is a description of what to expect in my program and several pages of questions for you to fill out and return. The entire process of becoming a surrogate usually takes several months. You are beginning the first stage by requesting a questionnaire. The second stage will begin when I receive the questionnaire back in my office.

After receiving your completed questionnaire, I will arrange an interview with you and your husband. Please remember to bring pictures of you and your children, if you have not given them to me already. After this interview, I will begin searching for the couple who comes closest to matching the answers on your questionnaire. This step may take a few days...or a few months. Unfortunately, there is no way to predict how soon a match will be made.

When a match is made, I will contact you and briefly tell you about the Intended Parents. With your permission, I will send them a copy of your questionnaire. At the same time (and with their permission), I will send you a copy of the Intended Parents' questionnaire.

If all parties agree to meet each other, arrangements will be made to meet in a neutral place--and I will attend. You are then given a few days to decide if you want to be the Surrogate for this couple. If you and they agree to work together, you and your husband will be told where to go to have HIV tests and VDRL tests administered. The Intended Parents will have the same tests run on them. You will also need to have a psychological evaluation. The psychotherapist may request your husband have one performed as well. The Intended Parents will pay for all the tests.

When cycles are aligned, the doctor will perform the IVF (In Vitro Fertilization). In Vitro Fertilization is a process where the Intended Mother is given doses of a fertility drug to encourage her body to release a large number of eggs (if the mother is unable to produce her own eggs, we use the eggs of a donor). These eggs are surgically removed, then fertilized with the Intended Father's sperm (if the father's sperm is unable to fertilize the eggs, we use donor sperm). Approximately two+ days later, the fertilized eggs (embryo's) are placed in the Surrogate's uterus. This is a painless procedure that takes only a few seconds. When she goes home, the Surrogate is asked to lay in bed for two to three days. After the two to three days of bed rest, the Surrogate can resume her regular activity--with no heavy lifting or strenuous activity. Two weeks later, blood tests show if the Surrogate is pregnant.

During the first few months of the pregnancy, the Surrogate is given doses of Progesterone and Estradiol--unusually by injection. She can give herself these shots, or she can find a friend or relative who will give them to her. The doctor will also require abstinence during these first few critical months. It is very important that you follow all of the doctor's orders.

After the confirmation of pregnancy by the IVF physician, the Surrogate can see the Obstetrician of her choice. These appointments will be paid for by the Intended Parents.

The Surrogate's fee of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) comes from a Trust Account managed, usually, by the Intended Parents' attorney. You will be paid monthly, for a maximum of twelve months. The Surrogate is given an allowance each month for maternity clothes, phone calls, travel, and childcare, which is part of the \$22,000.00 Surrogate fee. The Surrogate does not send receipts for reimbursement (except for doctor's bills, prescriptions and etc). Any amount you spend in excess of the allowance is your own expense. If you do not use the entire allowance, you may keep the excess.

After confirmation of pregnancy, you will attend monthly support group meetings. These meetings will help you to know what to expect and how to deal with certain situations. The meetings will continue for two to three months after the birth of the Intended Parents' Child. You will be compensated for these meetings, from the \$22,000.00 Surrogate fee. If you do not attend a meeting, you will receive no compensation.

This is a wonderful gift you are giving to a very grateful couple. I am sure you will find in yourself feelings you never had before!

Again, thank you for you interest!

I have read the above information and understand my obligations:

Surrogate

Date

Cori's Egg Donor and Surrogate Services
Surrogate Screening Form

Surrogate History

Date: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Maiden Name if Any: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

How long at current address? _____ Cell: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Position: _____ Date Employed: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number and state: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Have you been a Surrogate before? **YES** **NO** What were the results? _____

Name of Husband/Boyfriend: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Position: _____ Date Employed: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Surrogate History

Occupation: _____ Date Hired: _____

Blood Type: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Body Build: _____

Age at onset of menstrual cycle: _____ Regular: **YES** **NO**

Cycle Length (from Day 1 to Day 1): _____

Usual Duration (number of days of bleeding): _____

Flow: **LIGHT** **MODERATE** **HEAVY**

Pains or cramps: **YES** **NO**

What form of birth control are you currently using? _____

Education: (Highest level achieved, emphasis of studies) _____

Please list any clubs, organization, hobbies, interests, sports teams, activities, etc. you are involved in: _____

Please list any special skills, talents abilities: _____

Health Information

General health condition: _____

Do you have any medical problems? **NO** **YES**

(If yes, please explain) _____

Do you have any allergies? **NO** **YES** (If yes, please explain) _____

What prescribed medications are you currently taking? _____

Have you ever had any serious injuries? **NO** **YES** (If yes, please explain): _____

Broken Bone? **NO** **YES** (If yes, please explain) _____

Have you ever had any serious illnesses? **NO** **YES** (If yes, please explain)

Operations: Procedure _____ **Year** _____ **Hospital & State** _____

Are you presently under a physician's care? **NO** **YES** (If yes, please explain) _____

Are you currently taking any medication (include aspirin, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, etc)?

Medication _____ **How Often** _____ **Purpose** _____

Indicate with a check mark whether you have ever had:

	Yes	No	Unsure		Yes	No	Unsure
AIDS	___	___	___	Blood Transfusion	___	___	___
Diabetes	___	___	___	Psychiatric Disorder	___	___	___
Hepatitis B	___	___	___	Chlamydia	___	___	___
Herpes	___	___	___	Liver Disease	___	___	___
Gonorrhea	___	___	___	Tuberculosis	___	___	___
Mumps	___	___	___	German measles	___	___	___
Chicken Pox	___	___	___	Scarlet Fever	___	___	___
Diphtheria	___	___	___	Rheumatic Fever	___	___	___
Pneumonia	___	___	___	Heart Disease	___	___	___
Heart Murmur	___	___	___	Polio or Meningitis	___	___	___
Anemia	___	___	___	Kidney Infection	___	___	___
Jaundice	___	___	___	Gallbladder disease	___	___	___
Syphilis	___	___	___	Migraine Headaches	___	___	___
Epilepsy	___	___	___	High Blood Pressure	___	___	___
Tuberculosis	___	___	___	Low Blood Pressure	___	___	___
Cancer	___	___	___	Nervous Breakdown	___	___	___

Please explain any "Yes" answers: _____

Do you consume alcoholic beverages? **NO** **YES** (If yes, how often) _____

Do you smoke? **NO** **YES** (If yes, how many cigarettes per day)? _____

Do you use illegal drugs? **NO** **YES** (If yes, what type and how often)? _____

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime/felony? **NO** **YES**
(If yes, please explain): _____

Have you had any therapy with a psychiatrist or any other mental health professional?
NO YES (If yes, please list dates and explanations) _____

Have you ever had any psychiatric hospitalizations? **NO YES** (If yes, please explain)

Pregnancy History:

Number of Pregnancies: _____ Live Births: _____ Miscarriages: _____ Abortions: _____

<u>Delivery Date</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birth Weight</u>	<u>Length of Labor</u>	<u>Complication</u>
#1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list any complication you had during any of your pregnancies:

Education

High School
Name and Level Completed: _____ GPA: _____

College
Name and Level Completed: _____ GPA: _____

Have you met your educational goals? **YES NO** (If no, please explain)

What was/is your college major? _____

In which subjects did you receive the highest grades? _____

Do you have any learning disabilities? **YES NO** (If yes, please explain)

General Questions

What is your favorite...

Movie: _____	Color: _____
TV Show: _____	Hobby: _____
Book/Author: _____	Place: _____
Music: _____	Food: _____

Why do you want to become a Surrogate? _____

Please explain how you think surrogacy works: _____

How do you expect the following people will react to you being a surrogate?

Parents: _____

Friends: _____

Siblings: _____

Children: _____

What qualities do you consider to be most important in choosing to work with the Intended Parents? _____

Do you want the Intended Parents to attend obstetrical appointments with you? _____

If the Intended Parents request an abortion, will you agree to it? YES NO (Please explain your answer) _____

If the Intended Parents request a reduction, will you agree to it? YES NO (Please explain your answer) _____

Would you be willing to carry Multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) YES NO (Please explain your answer) _____

What type of relationship would you like with your Intended Parents during the pregnancy? _____

Would you like the Intended Parents present during the birth? YES NO (Please explain your answer) _____

What would you like the Intended Parents to tell their child about you? _____

If the Child requests to meet you, how will you feel? _____

What reassurance can you give the Intended Parents that you will not change your mind about relinquishing the Baby/Babies? _____

Please Complete the Following

I have always wanted to _____

I am happiest when _____

I have a passion for _____

I love _____

The best thing that I ever did _____

If I could change one thing in my life it would be _____

I wish I could be more _____

The person I admire most _____

I regret _____

It makes me sad when _____

I hate _____

I think that it is really unfair when _____

Would you be willing or able to travel out of state for the embryo transfer, provided that all of your expenses are covered?

YES NO MAYBE (Please explain your answer): _____

Please use this page to tell the Intended Parents more about yourself as a child and as an adult.

Please list the names and phone numbers of three people we can call as references:

1. _____ (____) _____
2. _____ (____) _____
3. _____ (____) _____

All mileage and baby-sitting expenses for the initial consultation are the responsibility of the Surrogate.

I understand that my last name, home address, home phone number, and work phone number may be given to the Intended Parents after the Surrogate Contract has been signed. This information will not be released by Cori's Egg Donor and Surrogate Services prior to the signing of the Surrogate Contract.

I have answered the proceeding questions honestly. To the best on my knowledge, all of my answers represent my current status and none of the answers will change.

Cori's Egg Donor and Surrogate Services reserves the right to accept or decline a surrogate into its program. It is understood if a Surrogate is not accepted into Cori's Egg Donor and Surrogate Services based on psychological evaluation, the surrogates name be released to other Surrogate programs.

By signing below, I declare that I understand the above statements, and that I give my permission for copies of my profile to be presented to Prospective Intended Parents for their review.

Surrogate

Date

I have read and understand the above statements, and offer my partner my support in her endeavor to become a Surrogate. I believe her answers on this questionnaire are true.

Surrogate's Partner

Date

How did you hear about Cori's Egg Donor & Surrogate Services? _____

AI, IVF or either: _____

*** Note: This page will not be shown to the Intended Parents. This is to help me match you with the couple you prefer.***

Preferences

Please describe your "ideal" couple (include race, marital status, sexual preference, and any other factors you desire). If there is a particular group of people you choose not to be a Surrogate for, please let me know. If you have no preference, please write, "I have no preference." This page is completely confidential, and will never be seen by the Intended Parents.

Please call me for an interview when you have completed the questionnaire. I will need portrait's of yourself and your children to process your questionnaire. Your photo's will be returned to you within two weeks. I can not process your questionnaire without your photo's. Thank You!

Surrogate Testimonials

My experience as a surrogate is really and truly unexplainable. It's an emotional roller coaster that leaves you feeling the most complete and satisfying feeling in the end, short of having your own family. I had been a successful egg donor, but I wanted to help couples in a more personal and bonding way. When I told Cori it was time to take that step, she had me matched within weeks, and my ride began! Now, I won't lie and say it's all easy and fun, it's not! Anyone can have a different experience with surrogacy, just like with any pregnancy. They are all different! Some easy and fun and some difficult! But in the end, no matter how easy or how hard the pregnancy, the feeling you get knowing you just helped someone fulfill a dream, everything you go through doesn't matter. There is nothing like handing a baby to his/her parents and seeing their faces light up with pure love and joy and knowing you had a very important role in that happiness. Cori has been a huge help and support line for me. I would never have done this without her in my corner. It doesn't matter what your fears, doubts, or anxiety do to you. Cori is always there with the right words and support you need! And she always does it with a smile. Being a surrogate with Cori's agency has been one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences of my life. For any woman out there thinking of signing up with Cori to be a surrogate couldn't ask for a more supportive, caring agency. I would tell any woman out there thinking of surrogacy she should keep in mind that you are about to make a huge decision that will be so meaningful that you will walk away from this experience with new friends and a feeling of great satisfaction. There is nothing like it!

Trina

I would like to tell you a little bit about my experience as a surrogate through Cori's agency. I met Cori in January of 2000, with the hope of becoming a surrogate, by late February I was matched with a couple. I spent a year working with that couple without ever becoming pregnant, very disappointing but Cori was right there to reassure me that I had done everything right and to answer any question I might have. She worked very hard to get me matched again and with great success. I just recently delivered twins and what a wonderful feeling, the parents were so excited, I never thought it would have such an effect on me, it was the greatest feeling of success. And to see the love and appreciation that the parents were feeling is just indescribable. I would have to say short of the birth of my own children this was and still is the best feeling I have ever had. To anyone pondering the idea of becoming a surrogate I would have to say you couldn't give anyone a better gift and Cori is just the person to help you through your journey.

Sheila (pvysheila@cox.net) Feel free to e-mail with questions

We have the most special relationship with my couple! I must say that carrying a baby for another couple was truly a major highlight for me in my lifetime. I'd do it again in a heartbeat. The whole thing was just awesome and your service was wonderful. It feels really good knowing I have just made someone's dream come true.

Franchesca

Being a Surrogate was something I had only read about. When I decided this was something I would love to do for a family I contacted Cori. I didn't have much information about the process, yet after speaking with her on the phone, I was very interested and excited! She explained the process in a very straightforward manner and answered all of my questions. Cori called me within 3 weeks saying she thought she had found me an intended mother to work with. I was so thrilled. I spoke with the intended mother via phone and after hearing her long history of trying to have a child I could do nothing more than say I would love to be a surrogate for her. I felt so honored and blessed the IP chose and trusted me to carry her child that she had longed for, for so many years. I had 3 transfers. Wow, talk about an emotional roller coaster. The 3rd transfer was successful. Before I knew it I was carrying twins. I had a wonderful pregnancy. The IP and myself established a great relationship. I loved it when she would come to the doctor appointments with me. I loved watching her get so excited. She always told me how special she thought I was, which made me feel good. Six days ago I delivered twins, a boy and a girl. It was the most unexplainable, incredible experience. I could not of asked for a more "perfect" delivery. Cori has been wonderful, it always amazed me that she always was abreast of what was going on with me. She always made me feel like she truly cared about me as a person rather than a client. I feel such a great sense of happiness that I was able to help make a family and experience this incredible journey.

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About three years ago I made the decision to become a surrogate. Since I had worked with Cori before on egg donations I had somebody I could talk to about my decision. Cori made wanting to become a surrogate an easy process. She was able to set me up with a wonderful couple who truly wanted to have children.

I spoke to the couple on the phone and I we had an immediate connection. I know that I wanted to help these people with there desire to have a child.

It turns out that the couples desire was so strong to have a child that they were blessed with three children. At six weeks of pregnancy I was told that I was carrying triplets. I was overwhelmed, but I know that God would not hand me any challenge which I could not meet. The intended parents were also great! They were very supportive, and were just overjoyed with the fact that they were going to have three children.

For the most part my pregnancy was very normal, and with out complications. At thirty-four weeks and 3 days I delivered 3 beautiful children. Two boys, and a girl. It was truly one of the most extraordinary things I had ever accomplished. Being able to give two wonderful people the gift of parenthood has been amazing.

I was glad that I had the opportunity to become a surrogate. I would recommend becoming a surrogate for anybody who has the desire to help others with the quest to become parent.

Bridgett
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The birth of Catherine on August 17, 2001, has given the word "Family" new meaning. Strangers brought together to bring this angel into the world by gestational surrogacy, have also found lasting friendship in one another. Carrying and delivering Catherine has brought so much more happiness to my life. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful family and friends whom supported myself through this amazing and truly wonderful experience. You will be blessed as I have been.

