



Surrogacy:

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Surrogacy is a wonderful gift that women can provide for intended parents who would like to have a family or a family that wants to complete their family with an additional child. What is a Surrogate Mother or, for that matter, what type of person wants to carry a child for someone else?

There are two types of surrogates:

*A Traditional Surrogate is a woman who is willing to use her own egg and become pregnant through intrauterine insemination and give that baby up to the Intended Parents through a step parent adoption. A Traditional Surrogate is biologically related to the baby.

*A Gestational Carrier is a woman who is not biologically related to the baby. The egg and sperm are provided by the Intended Parents, or an Egg Donor and Intended Father and is made into an embryo. Then Carrier is impregnated through In Vitro Fertilization.

Women who decide to become gestational carriers/surrogates(GC/GS), are mothers parenting their own children and who enjoy being pregnant. They love the fact that they can be pregnant again and not have the responsibility of raising another child of their own. Helping intended parents(IP) to become a family, or extend their family, is an exciting thought for them. Gestational Carriers feel overjoyed at the fact that they are able to offer this unique gift and be rewarded by not only making an intended parent a parent, but also adding an entire branch to the family tree! They have the support of their spouses, partners, friends and often times everyone, including family and friends, who knows what she is doing and is supportive.

Surrogacy is not always accepted in every state, however, Texas has a great Surrogacy Statute; Texas Family Code, Chapter 160, Uniform Parentage Act, Subchapter I, Gestational Agreement 160.751, *et seq*, that is upheld when all parties enter into a legally binding contract. This contract provides that the Gestational Carrier agrees to relinquish any parental rights to the child when it is born and the couple agrees that they are responsible regardless of any impairment the child may have.

If you are interested in learning more about surrogacy you can contact Prime Genetics at [832-736-7848](tel:832-736-7848) or primegeneticsinfo@gmail.com

