

Surrogacy:
The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Surrogacy is a wonderful gift that one woman can provide for a couple who would like to have a family or a family that wants to be completed with an additional child. But 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 as the egg and sperm were provided by the Intended Parents or an Egg Donor and Intended Father and is impregnated through In Vitro Fertilization.

Women who decide to become surrogates are mothers parenting their own children and who enjoyed each of their pregnancies. They love the fact that they can be pregnant again and not have the responsibility of raising another child. Helping another couple to become a family is an exciting prospect for them. Gestational Carriers feel overjoyed at the fact that they are able to offer this unique gift and are rewarded by not only making a couple parents, but also adding an entire branch to the family tree! They have the support of their husbands and partners and often times everyone, including family and friends, knows what she is doing.

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, 979-799-6599 or primegeneticsinfo@gmail.com

