OUR FAMILY COALITION & MEN HAVING BABIES PRESENT:
THE SAN FRANCISCO SURROGACY CONFERENCE & EXPO
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018
3:00–8 P.M.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
9 A.M.–6 P.M.
AGENDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13:

Registration: 3:00-3:30 PM (10th Floor)

Is surrogacy right for you? Overview and personal stories: 3:30 PM–4:45 PM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)

We will open our session with introductions, a comparison of surrogacy with other parenting options, and an overview of the considerations for choosing various parenting routes.

To help you further understand what surrogacy entails from the personal standpoint, you will have an opportunity to hear personal testimonies from a diverse group of gay surrogacy dads and the surrogates who helped them.

Panelists include:

Chris Tye-Walker
- Chris, a celebrity fitness trainer, and his husband Shaun, a cosmetic dentist, live in LA. Soon after they married in November 2015, the couple quickly began the process of completing their family. They welcomed their son born August 2017 and are hoping to be able to give Flynn a baby brother or sister by Christmas 2018.

Shelly Marsh
- Shelly is finishing up her third and final surrogacy, she carried twin boys for a gay couple from the Norway, and two singletons for a gay couple from Los Angeles. She and her husband Brian live in CA with their two daughters.

Michael Von Habsburg
- Michael and his husband Tony live on the West Valley area of Los Angeles. In April of 2017, they welcomed their son Rexford, born via gestational surrogacy in Santa Rosa, CA. Tony and Michael were recipients of GPAP stage I. Michael obtained his doctorate degree, PsyD, in February 2016, and his thesis/dissertation was about the Gay and Lesbian population engaging in Artificial Reproductive Services. Michael is writing a book about his experience with the process.

Valerie Murray
- Valerie is a three-time surrogate living in Central California. She carried children for both heterosexual and same sex couples. She works in local law enforcement and volunteers at several social services organizations. Valerie has a 21 year old son and 17 year old daughter. She feels surrogacy has helped to grow her own family, and they all maintain close, loving relationships. Valerie’s daughter proudly speaks of the family with her social network and usually refers to the three girls her mother carried as her sisters.

Coffee break: 4:45-5:00 PM

A mindful look at surrogacy - Attitudes and Ethics: 5:00-6:15 PM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)

In this session we will examine how we feel about surrogacy: the meanings and significance people tend to attribute to surrogacy in their lives, with a special focus on surrogates’ perspective. We will look at questions such as:

- What are the dominant social perceptions of surrogacy in the U.S. and Canada?
- How do surrogates understand their experiences?
- What are the roots for concerns about exploitation and commodification in surrogacy?
- What are the experiences of children born via surrogacy?

We will present recent ethnographic research on surrogacy, and evidence from studies about the way surrogacy affects the the welfare of the child, the surrogate, and her family. We will also look at programs meant to encourage a more mindful surrogacy experience, such as MHB’s Framework for Ethical Surrogacy.

Moderator: Ron Poole-Dayan, surrogacy father, executive director of MHB

Speakers / Panelists:

- Elliott Kronenfeld, LICSW, Insight Brookline Psychotherapy
- Michael Von Habsburg, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, Kaiser Permanente
- Qin Fan, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, California Pacific Medical Center
- Barney Cheng, Director & Writer, “Baby Steps”
- Michelle Pine, surrogate mother and MHB board member
Break / Light Supper: 6:15-6:45 PM
Sponsored by International Surrogacy Center

Planning your parenting journey: 6:45-8:00 PM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)
This is the first part of our comprehensive surrogacy workshop that was developed based on the accumulated knowledge of hundreds of gay men who have already gone through the process.
Topics covered will include:
- Basic terminology, types and components of typical surrogacy arrangements.
- Typical sequence and timeline for gestational surrogacy journeys.
- Legal considerations in the USA and Canada.
- Major decisions that shape the surrogacy journey.
- Considering your family vision, financial constraints, risk tolerance and ethical preferences.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14:

Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM (10th Floor Foyer)

Picking providers, budgeting and financial assistance: 9:00-10:15 AM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)
On the second part of our workshop we will provide peer advice on selecting service providers, cost saving tips, and resources for financial support. Topics covered will include:
- Where to start (agency, clinic, surrogate or donor)
- Selecting an agency and clinic
- Estimated costs, and factors that affect costs
- Cost saving best practices.
- Financial help through the Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP).

Coffee break: 10:15-10:30 AM

Expert Panel: Medical Aspects of Surrogacy 10:30-11:45 AM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)
The medical screening of future fathers, egg donors and surrogates, the creation of optimal embryos, and the IVF process
Moderator: Dr. Georges Sylvestre / MHB board
Panelists:
- Susanna Park, M.D. / San Diego Fertility Center
- Guy Ringler, M.D. / California Fertility Partners
- John Norian, M.D. / HRC Rancho
- Ashim Kumar, M.D. / Western Fertility Institute
- Eldon Schriock, M.D. / Pacific Fertility Center

Lunch / gay parenting expo: 11:45 AM–1:15 PM (Crystal Ballroom, 11th Floor)
Enjoy a buffet lunch and explore our Gay Parenting Services Exhibit: more than twenty five tables where you can meet and receive information from leading clinics, surrogacy agencies, lawyers and supporting community organizations. The expo will remain open until 5:30 pm. Lunch is sponsored by the San Diego Fertility Center.

Expert Panel: Budgeting and Insurance 1:15–2:30 PM (Commandants Room, 10th Floor)
A closer look at medical insurance and surrogate compensation packages
Moderator: Ron Poole-Dayan, surrogate father, executive director of MHB
Panelists:
- Victoria Ferrara, Esq. / Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists
- Diane Hinson, Esq. / Creative Family Connections
- Kathryn Kaycoff, MA / Agency for Surrogacy Solutions
Breakout sessions - come meet the sponsors: 2:30–4:30 PM  
(10th Floor Rooms: Regimental, Heritage, Commandants, plus Crystal Lounge, 11th Floor)

Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in up to 6 introductory 20-minute group consultations with the various seminar sponsors. Take advantage of this opportunity to “shop around” and get to know these agencies and clinics more closely. See the table below.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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| 3:10-3:28 PM | Diane Hinson, Esq.                    | California Fertility Partners | Brad Spencer, RN         | Eldon Schriock, M.D.      |
| 3:30-3:48 PM | Diane Hinson, Esq.                    | California Fertility Partners | Salli Tauzke, MD         | Nir Keren                 |
| 3:50-4:08 PM | Ashim Kumar, MD                       | nWsc                       | Donna Raidy               | John Norian, MD           |
| 4:10-4:30 PM | Ashim Kumar, MD                       | nWsc                       | International Assisted Reproduction Center | John Norian, MD |
Optional private consultations: 3:00 – 8:00 PM
(various rooms, please check with participating providers for more details)

Several clinics and agencies will be available in offices for private consultations with prospective parents that wish to explore the options they offer in more depth. Consultation slots may also be available last minute for those who want to first hear the providers at the conference.

Gay parenting expo / networking reception: 4:30 – 5:30 PM (Crystal Lounge, 11th Floor)

Prospective parents, parents (& children!), psychologists, social workers, students, researchers and other professionals are invited to network and exchange perspectives over refreshments. Our Surrogacy Expo will run in parallel.

SPECIALTY PANELS

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Are you a parent or intended parent through surrogacy? Are you a surrogate? Are you an egg donor? Help us advance our understanding of surrogacy!

“The Surrogacy Pathways: An Anthropological Analysis” looks to examine the journey of all the subjects involved in these experiences: egg donors, surrogates and intended parents. Especially, the research focuses on a comparison between the expectations and reality before and after the delivery and on the negotiation of the relatedness (Carsten, 2004) between parties.

The research is led by Corinna S. Guerzoni, a Ph.D. in Cultural and Social Anthropology, who will present the project at the conference. She is a Professor in Anthropology at Istituto Europeo di Design (Italy) and a Postdoctoral Researcher at Western Fertility Institute (California). In 2016, Dr. Guerzoni was a Visiting Researcher at San Diego State University, Department of Women’s Studies.

- For further information see Dr. Guerzoni at the SF conference, or go to www.westernfertility.com/research.
- Contact Dr. Guerzoni: corinna@westernfertility.com
COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

ABOUT OUR FAMILY COALITION

Our Family Coalition promotes the equality and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer families with children. We foster leadership in advocacy efforts that promote social justice to ensure that all the families in our community are respected and loved. The organization provides a variety of vehicles for LGBTQ families with children to engage effectively in public education and advocacy efforts that challenge the bias and discrimination that affect them. We aim to reach a diverse grassroots base of LGBTQ families where they are and engage them in challenging the many societal barriers they face.

www.ourfamily.org

ABOUT GAY FUTURE DADS

Gay Future Dads was formed in 2004 by a group of single gay men in the Castro area of San Francisco who were interested in learning about becoming parents and who wanted to find new and different ways to meet other guys who wanted to become parents. Since that time Gay Future Dads has grown into a unique social group and support network of more than 100 members who get together at casual events in members’ homes, local cafes and at special events like the SF LGBT Film Festival and SF Gay Pride Celebration. We have gone on to make good friends, form coupled relationships and have children through co-parenting, adoption and surrogacy arrangements.

www.gayfuturedads.org

ABOUT THE FAMILY EQUALITY COUNCIL:

Family Equality Council is the national expert on LGBTQ parents and their families. We promote lived and legal equality for these three million parents and their six million children. We foster supportive communities, educate the public, and pursue policy change to advance equality for LGBTQ-headed families across the United States. Current legal and cultural structures hurt LGBTQ parents and their children. Through our commitment and expertise, we are the national organization advancing an inclusive family agenda within and beyond the LGBTQ movement. Family Equality Council is committed to a future in which families with parents who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer are legally recognized, valued by society, and afforded equal opportunity to thrive.

www.familyequality.org
PANELISTS:

Qin Fan, Psy.D.
Dr. Fan is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice in San Francisco and an adjunct instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at California Pacific Medical Center. In addition, she is also the founder of Meiya RHS, LLC, an Asian egg donor agency in San Francisco. She received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology and Masters in French Literature from the University of North Caroline-Chapel Hill. Her doctoral dissertation investigated women’s experience of loss following failed in vitro fertilization attempts. In her practice and teaching, she focuses on reproductive mental health, specifically on the third party reproduction, providing psychological consultation for intended parents and psychological evaluation for egg/sperm donors and gestational carriers. A member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, she supports the family building efforts of all individuals and has extensive experience working with LGBTQ community.

Victoria Ferrara, Esq.
Victoria Ferrara is the Founder and Legal Director of Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists, LLC, a successful surrogacy matching agency, through which she has helped many couples and individuals have children. One of her achievements is the landmark decision of Raftopol v. Ramey, 12 A.3d 783 299 Conn. 681 (2011), a Connecticut Supreme Court case that essentially created a new way to establish legal parentage in Connecticut, i.e., by being a party (Intended Parent) to a valid gestational agreement regardless of genetic connection to the child to be born to the gestational surrogate. Attorney Ferrara appears frequently in courts throughout the State of Connecticut for all matters in involving assisted reproduction law, pre-birth orders, and adoptions, including co-parent and step-parent adoption matters. She is a member of the Academy of Assisted Reproductive Law Attorneys, the Family Law Institute, the National Gay and Lesbian Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association.

Diane S. Hinson, Esq.
Diane Hinson, a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, founded Creative Family Connections LLC on the principle that “everyone can build a family.” After starting her own family as a single mother, Diane built a full-service surrogacy agency and reproductive rights law firm that is consistently one of the highest-ranked agencies in the world. Clients from across the country and around the world choose CFC for the compassionate care and legal expertise that Diane and her team provide. Because of her passion for family equality, Diane has fought to obtain landmark court rulings for same-sex parents. She has opened doors to IVF clinics for gay fathers, drafted and advocated for gay-friendly surrogacy legislation, served as HRC’s pro-bono counsel for surrogacy issues, spoken frequently about surrogacy, and provided surrogacy advice on the well-known Surromoms.com website. She has also collaborated with fellow surrogacy attorneys to develop an in-depth 50-state surrogacy law analysis, which is widely relied upon in the surrogacy world and cited in the media: www.surrogacymap.com

Kathryn Kaycoff, MA
Kathryn is co-owner and co-director of Agency for Surrogacy Solutions and Egg Donor Solutions. Before Kathryn became an agency owner and leading expert in the field of surrogacy, egg donation, infertility and traveling for treatment — she encountered her own struggles to become a mother. Four years, 6 fresh IVFs, 3 frozen embryo transfers, an egg donor, sperm donor, over 100 embryos and 2 Gestational Surrogates later, Kathryn and her (now ex) husband became the proud parents of identical twin boys in 2003. She and her business partner (Lauri de Brito) opened their agency in 2004 hoping to help others have a smoother, shorter, less turbulent journey. The have successfully helped hundreds of people all over the world become parents. Kathryn is a member of PVED, RESOLVE, ASRM, SEEDS and ESHRE, and has appeared in many media outlets around the world.

Elliott Kronenfeld, LICSW, CST
Elliott Kronenfeld, LICSW, CST is a certified sex therapist and a father through adoption and gestational surrogacy. He has worked in the fields of adoption, gestational surrogacy and family formation for 15 years. He is known around the country as a specialist in fertility, and speaks at various venues about how GLBTQ families are formed and thrive. He is the founder and Clinical Director of Insight Brookline Psychotherapy in the Boston area. His new book, Couples by Intention, is due out by the end of the year.
Ashim Kumar
Dr. Kumar is board certified in reproductive endocrinology and obstetrics and gynecology and practices near Los Angeles, California. In recent years Dr. Kumar has focused his efforts for those that have had difficulty conceiving and require third party reproduction (egg donor and/or gestational surrogacy). With high success rates, over half of his current patients are from overseas which include Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, The United Kingdom, etc. Combining meticulous attention to detail, 7-day a week work ethic, the best support staff (nursing & embryology) and the latest in technology, he is able to obtain the highest pregnancy rates achievable today. He has been asked to present his work across the world including Australia, India, China, and Italy and has contacts in numerous clinics that collaborate closely to provide seamless care.

Tabitha Lundberg Koh, J.D.
Tabitha is the Director of Legal Services at Northwest Surrogacy Center, LLC. A graduate of the University of California Berkeley Law School and an attorney since 2007, her practice areas include adoption, surrogacy, and assisted reproductive technology, as well as estate planning and probate. She is licensed to practice law in California, Oregon, and Washington. Tabitha is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLS), and the Oregon Gay and Lesbian Law Association.

Dean Masserman, Esq.
Dean E. Masserman is a highly experienced and respected trial lawyer in California. He has handled more than 3,000 litigation matters over 28 years. He is a founding partner of Vorzimer/Masserman - Fertility & Family Law Center, which handles more than 300 fertility matters annually. His practice areas are Family Law, Reproductive Law, and Complex Civil Litigation. He specializes in all aspects of third party reproduction litigation including breach of contract, parental rights, lost/destroyed embryos, wrongful birth, and negligence by fertility agencies and physicians. His family law practice includes marital and non-marital transactions, non-traditional family formation and co-parenting, divorce, spousal/child support, and high conflict family litigation. He prepared the first Reproductive Estate Plan (REP) and continues to offer this service today. The REP addresses unique fertility legal problems such as parentage/inheritance issues, legal guardians, executors/conservators, and clients’ wishes regarding genetic property. He secured the first pre-birth Parentage Order (PBO) in the U.S. for a gay couple and with his business partner, Andrew Vorzimer, and other professionals, enacted law which codified surrogacy and parental rights in California (FC 7962).

John Norian, MD
Dr. John Norian is a double board certified in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility. Dr. Norian received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons, completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine program and his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Norian is passionate about helping same sex couples achieve their goals of family building and becoming parents through egg donation and surrogacy. His philosophy in helping those realize their dream of having a family combines both the precision and science of reproductive medicine with a warm and compassionate style of doctoring. Dr. Norian is very involved in all the clinical decisions and all of the fertility treatment procedures which have allowed our team and his patients to achieve the highest success rates. As a board member of Path2Parenthood, Dr. Norian has greatly helped to raise awareness and develop usable information about fertility options for gay men and the greater LGBT community.

Molly O’Brien, Esq.
Molly O’Brien has worked in the field of Assisted Reproduction since 2005. Previously, she worked for an Egg Donation Agency and a Surrogacy Agency where she became familiar with all aspects of assisted reproduction. Since becoming an attorney in 2011, she has gained extensive experience in drafting and negotiating Surrogacy, Egg Donation and Sperm and Embryo Donation Contracts. Ms. O’Brien has also appeared before many local Judges to help parents finalize their parental rights, and has extensive experience in obtaining all documents necessary for her clients to return to their home country. Molly O’Brien graduated Magna Cum Laude from Whittier Law School and authored a Whittier Law Review titled: An Intersection of Ethics and the Law: The Frozen Embryo Dilemma and the Chilling Choice Between Life and Death. Ms. O’Brien serves on the Executive Board of the Legal Professional Group section of ASRM as the Vice Chair. Additionally, Ms. O’Brien is a member of the ABA A.R.T. committee and SEEDs.
Susanna Park, M.D.
World renowned for her fertility expertise, IVF success and excellence in medical care, Dr. Susanna Park has practiced as an infertility physician for the past 15 years. Dr. Park joined the San Diego Fertility Center in 2013 following her tenure at Columbia University in New York City. Her passion is to combine her extensive experience as an infertility physician with individualized care and compassion. Dr. Park is double board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. She graduated summa cum laude from Siena College and obtained her medical degree at Albany Medical College. Dr. Park completed her residency and her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Dr. Park has developed a large international referral practice due to her excellent patient rapport and high success rates with a variety of treatments including IVF, donor eggs, egg freezing and gestational surrogacy. Dr. Park works closely with the leading surrogacy agencies to assist the LGBT community build families.

Guy Ringler, M.D.
In clinical practice for over twenty years, Dr. Guy Ringler has developed a large international referral practice due to his excellent patient rapport and expertise in IVF, surrogacy, and gay family building. As one of the world’s first fertility doctors to help gay men become fathers through egg donation and surrogacy, Dr. Ringler has been recognized by the American Fertility Association (AFA) with an Achievement Award. He regularly lends his voice to the public conversation about gay family-building as a spokesperson for GLAAD and a contributor to the Huffington Post. Dr. Ringler has worked closely with the AFA to increase public awareness of fertility options for people with HIV, and he has helped many HIV-positive people have children through assisted reproduction. Dr. Ringler is on the advisory board of Men Having Babies and lives in Los Angeles with his husband, Mark Rios.

Eldon Schriock, M.D.
Dr. Eldon Schriock has been a Medical Director with Pacific Fertility Center since 1999. An internationally recognized expert in infertility, he has been at the forefront of assisted reproductive technology since 1981. In fact, he was a member of the medical team that performed the first in-vitrofertilization treatment in Northern California. Dr. Schriock is recognized as one of the “Best Doctors in America.” His clinical expertise and compassionate care earn him referrals from both physicians and patients. As an innovator, he has authored over 50 abstracts and articles in medical publications. Early on, Dr. Schriock was among the first to advocate for the rights of the LGBTQ community to have access to fertility services. Today, he is proud to have helped create so many LGBTQ families. Credentials: Board Certified in Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility, and Obstetrics & Gynecology; Northwestern: MD & Residency; UCSF: Fellowship, Past Faculty, Director of IVF Program; University of Tennessee: Past Faculty

Steven H. Snyder, ESQ.
Steven H. Snyder, Esq., is the founding and principal partner of Steven H. Snyder & Associates, and he is the Director of the International Assisted Reproduction Center, a full-service surrogacy and egg donation agency, both located in the U.S. in Minnesota. Mr. Snyder is an active leader in numerous professional organizations, including RESOLVE, the American Fertility Association, the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, and the American Bar Association Assisted Reproductive Technology Committee. Mr. Snyder is the author of numerous articles and continuing legal education materials. He is also a frequent national and international lecturer and continuing legal education presenter in the area of assisted reproductive technology law. Mr. Snyder regularly contributes to various media interviews and publications as a legal expert in assisted reproduction and third party reproduction legal issues.

Michael Von Habsburg
Michael is a Los Angeles based psychotherapist and psychologist. Michael has worked with adoption agencies and children for 15 years. He currently works for Kaiser Permanente as a therapist and runs ADHD and Transgender support groups. Michael's other job is working with adults within the Board and Care population. Michael obtained his doctorate degree, PsyD, in February 2016, and his thesis/dissertation was about the Gay and Lesbian population engaging in Artificial Reproductive Services (ART). Michael is writing a book about his experience with the process, and is planning to begin a private practice with the LGBT population engaging in ART.
Laura Alabre, Events Coordinator and GPAP Case Manager
Laura joined Men Having Babies in February 2017 as the organization was welcoming the fourth “class” of Stage II Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) recipients. Laura’s responsibilities include Stage II GPAP case management and coordination of the selection and matching process. She also provides support in conference production and coordination. Prior to that she worked at CT Fertility as the Third Party Journey Coordinator, Egg Donor Matching Coordinator as well as a liaison to all Israeli patients. Laura has also previously been a known egg donor to several couples all over the world to support their dreams of becoming parents, because having children has been her most treasured life experience. She lives in Connecticut with her two amazing children, Malia and Jordan.

Michelle Pine, board member, chair of the Surrogates Advisory Committee
Michelle Pine is a special education teacher for students with mild disabilities at an alternative high school in Klamath Falls, Oregon, having previously taught special education and Language Arts in Portland. Michelle holds two Masters in Education from Concordia University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Eastern Oregon University. When not working, Michelle enjoys reading and writing and spending time with her family exploring Oregon. Michelle is a two-time surrogate. In 2015 she carried boy/girl twins for a same-sex couple in Israel. She delivered a baby girl in September 2017 for a mixed-status same-sex couple from San Francisco. Michelle and her husband have three amazing children, all who played an important role in both surrogacy journeys and have enjoyed being a part of helping others become a family.

Ron Poole-Dayan, Board Member / Executive Director
Ron is the executive director and founding board member of Men Having Babies. He has over 20 years of experience in marketing and business strategy development both in the USA and internationally. Ron earned his Masters degree in political economy and comparative politics from Columbia University, and his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Ron is married to Greg Poole-Dayan, the COO of the Wartburg, a leading provider of senior healthcare and residential services in NY. The couple met in 1994, and is among of the first same-sex couples in the nation to father children through gestational surrogacy. The twins, born in 2001, were conceived with the use of eggs donated by Greg’s sister, and carried by a gestational carrier. Ron has been the MHB program coordinator since 2005, and was appointed as the Executive Director of Men Having Babies upon its incorporation in July 2012.

Georges Sylvestre, M.D., Board Member
Georges Sylvestre is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist specialized in High-Risk Pregnancies, currently Chairman of OBGYN at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Queens. Georges and his husband David Margolis live in Manhattan, and are the proud fathers of Tristan and Noah, born in 2010 and 2013 via gestational surrogacy. Having grown up in France, Canada and Switzerland, the Sylvestre-Margolis boys speak French and English at home, and has traveled extensively across the world, making a point of meeting other LGBT gay couples raising children. Georges’ profession and personal experience give him a unique advantage in understanding the medical, psychological, ethical and financial challenges of the IP/couple – egg donor – Gestational surrogate triad.

Sherman L. Taylor II, board member / secretary
Sherman is a technology manager in the Research & Development organization of Procter & Gamble, based in Cincinnati, OH. Sherman received his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Chemical Engineering and Colloids, Polymers and Surfaces from Carnegie Mellon University. Sherman leads a group of scientists and engineers to create new and improved consumer products; he has worked across a variety of brands in his career including Pampers, Vicks, PuR, Swiffer, Magic Erasers, Bounce and Downy. Sherman also leads the design of corporate training programs to accelerate the growth and development of New Hires upon entering the company. Sherman and his husband Andrew have two sons via surrogacy, born in 2013 and 2017.

Michael Wetson, board member / treasurer
Michael is co-owner and Director of Professional Service Delivery for Inscio, LLC, a Dallas-based consulting firm specializing in connecting information with people via NetSuite and other leading solutions. Michael Wetson’s first experience with surrogacy began as he and his husband Shawn started their journey in 2012. Their twins, Olivia and Sawyer, were born via an anonymous egg donor and Gestational Surrogate in 2013. When not chasing the twins around the house or resolving employee and customer requests, Michael and Shawn enjoy running (or napping, whichever task wins the toss). Michael is a graduate of the University of Kansas, has mentored several gay couples as they began their own journey, and has been an outspoken advocate for gay families for the past
Nir Keren

Nir lives in Toronto, Canada with his partner Bob. He has assisted singles and couples throughout their surrogacy journeys, as well as several of his friends in different countries which has opened his eyes to the many challenges intended parents are facing to create their families. Nir’s background is in business improvement and marketing however after seeing first hand the obstacles international IP’s endure, he felt that his mission and passion is to bring the awareness of the Canadian surrogacy option to IP’s seeking alternative options. He has now dedicated his life to support IP’s around the world to have a smooth and straight-forward journey in Canada. Alongside Dr. Librach and The CREaTe Fertility Centre, he has now established ‘Babies Come True’, a concierge service for CREaTe international IP’s that will help and support their whole surrogacy journey. Nir and his husband are currently going through the process of surrogacy in Canada themselves and love to share their story.

Jay Cook, RN

Jay Cook is co-owner and co-founder of Same Love Surrogacy, a full service gay owned and operated egg donor and surrogacy agency based in West Hollywood, CA. Jay partnered with his husband Danny Wong and close friend Brad Spencer for the inspiration of Same Love Surrogacy – the personal experience of three gay dads who created their families via surrogacy and egg donation. What all this personal experience taught us is that more and more LGBTQ individuals are seeking to become parents via assisted reproductive technology, and we want to assist intending parents through their journey to parenthood while giving back to the LGBTQ community. Jay was born in Michigan and has resided in Los Angeles, CA for the past 20 years with his husband and twin boys. He has worked as a health club manager and registered nurse. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Fitness Management and an Associates degree in Nursing. Jay utilizes his management and medical experience as a unique blend to assist LGBTQ in the creation of families.

Brandon J. Bankowski, MD, MPH

Dr. Bankowski is one of the most-respected and experienced physicians helping LGBTQ intended parents build their families through donor egg surrogacy in the USA. He is a board-certified reproductive endocrinologist with extensive experience in IVF, egg donation, surrogacy and genomics. He has practiced at Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM) since 2005. He and his partners at ORM have helped LGBT intended parents from across the world build their families. Dr. Bankowski is passionate about providing ORM’s patients the best care and the highest chance for success on their first attempt, while looking after the genetic health of their family. His vision lead to the formation of ORM Genomics, ORM’s industry-leading reproductive genomics program and in-house genetics laboratory, as well as the integration of advanced genetic screening of all donors in the ORM Donors program. He is committed to helping LGBT intended parents using donor egg surrogacy benefit from the latest advances in genetic screening to help them have the best chance of a healthy baby on their first attempt.

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Maria Valencia was earning her bachelor’s degree in International Business and raising two boys when she started in the surrogacy industry. The first time Maria helped a couple all the way through their journey, she realized she had found her passion when she saw them hold their precious bundle of joy for the first time. Now in her thirteenth year in the industry Maria has built outstanding relationships with the best resources and has the experience to bring the dream of creating a family to life. The professional staff at ISC, under Maria’s direction, is committed to providing premier customer service and making the process of surrogacy a unique and enjoyable journey. Maria and her team work with her intended parents doctors, IVF clinic staff, attorneys, surrogates. Maria believes in building relationships with honesty, transparency, and communication. Maria founded International Surrogacy Center in 2011, she and her team enjoy building close relationships with their clients and seeing pictures of the families as they grow. Maria recently discovered how she can give back and volunteers at local shelters. ISC is also giving financial support to organizations that care for and find homes for rescued animals.

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Said T. Daneshmand, MD, FACOG

Dr. Daneshmand has expertise in complex IVF cases, and his research has featured work on endometrial receptivity as a way to maximize the probability of success during IVF. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in egg donation and surrogacy, and is one of the main providers of third-party care in the United States, with patients traveling from more than 35 countries in 2016 alone. He is known for developing and implementing cutting-edge technologies, including NGS (next generation sequencing), the latest and most precise technique for assessing embryonic genetic health. Dr. Daneshmand completed his fellowship and residency at UCLA. He is double board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as in Reproductive Endocrinology. Among his achievements, Dr. Daneshmand is the recipient of numerous awards including the Eileen Pike Medical School Valedictorian Award, the PCRS Fellowship and Practicing Physician Research Award, as well as the recipient of the prestigious ASRM STAR Award in 2017. He has served as the President of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (Iota Chapter) and is a member of the Denacher Society, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE). Dr. Daneshmand speaks French, Spanish and Farsi.

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Nir Keren

Nir lives in Toronto, Canada with his partner Bob. He has assisted singles and couples throughout their surrogacy journeys, as well as several of his friends in different countries which has opened his eyes to the many challenges intended parents are facing to create their families. Nir’s background is in business improvement and marketing however after seeing first hand the obstacles international IP’s endure, he felt that his mission and passion is to bring the awareness of the Canadian surrogacy option to IP’s seeking alternative options. He has now dedicated his life to support IP’s around the world to have a smooth and straight-forward journey in Canada. Alongside Dr. Librach and The CREaTe Fertility Centre, he has now established ‘Babies Come True’, a concierge service for CREaTe international IP’s that will help and support their whole surrogacy journey. Nir and his husband are currently going through the process of surrogacy in Canada themselves and love to share their story.
Dr. Sharon Moayeri
Dr. Sharon Moayeri, M.D. is the Co-Founder and Co-Medical Director of CCRM Orange County and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. She received her medical degree from University of California Irvine School of Medicine and stayed on at University of California to complete her residency. One of her many accomplishments include a three-year fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Stanford University Hospital and Clinics. Dr. Moayeri is a frequent reviewer for the prestigious American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her clinical expertise spans the full spectrum of reproductive medicine including: infertility management, in vitro fertilization, minimally invasive reproductive surgery, and fertility preservation options. She is admired for her knowledge, clinical expertise, as well as her warm bedside manner. Her contributions to medical literature include publications on blastocyst transfer, oncofertility, cost-effective fertility treatment, endometriosis, and preimplantation genetic screening (PGS).

Dr. Salli Tauzke
Dr. Salli Tazuke is the Co-Founder and Co-Medical Director of CCRM San Francisco and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. After receiving her medical degree from University of California San Diego, she then completed her residency at Yale University School of Medicine and her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Stanford University School of Medicine. She participated in the NIH and ASRM sponsored Reproductive Scientist Training Program and CREST (The Clinical Research/Reproductive Scientist Training Program), and has presented and published her work extensively. Dr. Tazuke’s philosophy is to strive for the highest quality of care with compassion and honest advice. She spends a great deal of time with each patient to develop personalized treatment, while keeping in mind evidence and science-based best practices in the field of reproductive medicine. Dr. Tazuke speaks multiple languages, including Japanese and Mandarin, and is conversant in Spanish.

Donna Raidy
Donna Raidy is our Vice President of Operations and oversees all operations at Fertility Source Companies. Donna has over 30 years of experience in business management and takes tremendous pride in directing our great team of professional and compassionate staff who all truly understand and appreciate the journey our Intended Parents are on. Donna is a longtime advocate for children’s rights and volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in the dependent care system. Donna’s love for family and children, coupled with her extensive management experience is a unique blend that she brings to Fertility Source Companies and our Intended Parents.
San Diego Fertility Center physicians: Dr. Susanna Park, Dr. Michael Kettel, Dr. Sandy Chuan, and Dr. Brooke Friedman, proudly announce the welcome addition of Dr. Said Daneshmand! San Diego Fertility Center is one of the most highly respected and well-established fertility centers worldwide, serving a diverse patient population with compassion, respect and confidentiality. With more than 60 years of collective experience diagnosing and treating infertility, San Diego Fertility Center is proud to offer the LGBT community solutions in achieving parenthood through egg donation, surrogacy, IVF and Intrauterine Inseminations. San Diego Fertility Center consistently maintains some of the highest live birth rates for Egg Donor IVF worldwide! San Diego Fertility Center experiences clinical pregnancy rates of 70% - 80%. Additionally, San Diego Fertility Center partners with national and international surrogate agencies to help Intended Parents successfully build their families. Unlike other egg donor agencies, San Diego Fertility Center’s in-house Egg Donor Program is supervised by nationally recognized fertility specialists. Egg Donor IVF recipients have the option of selecting an in-house candidate or utilizing an agency egg donor. The opportunity for “known donation” and “future contact” is also possible. San Diego Fertility Center has a Success Guarantee financial program which offers hope, confidence and peace of mind that you have chosen the right team to build your family!

www.sdfertility.com

International Surrogacy Center

At International Surrogacy Center, we stand by your side every step of the way, from finding the perfect match for you to the birth of your new baby. We are available around the clock to support our surrogates and intended parents and want to ensure all parties have the emotional and professional support essential to a positive surrogacy experience. The road to parenthood is sometimes rocky and challenging. We have spent years helping people become parents through the way less traveled. The couples we have helped in our program are not restricted by race, religion, sexual preference or nationality. It is essential that you carefully consider your options for surrogacy and choose an agency with skilled professionals, experience, and a proven record of success. At International Surrogacy Center, we want you to feel comfortable and confident that our company will go above and beyond to help guide and support you throughout your journey to parenthood. We want to get to know you as intended parents so we can find a surrogate mother who is a perfect match for you. If you are ready or have any surrogacy questions at all, please contact us so we can help you make your family dreams come to life.

www.internationalsurrogacycenter.com

Creative Family Connection

Founded in 2001 by Diane Hinson, Creative Family Connections LLC, is a full-service surrogate matching agency and law firm. CFC passionately upholds the principle that “everyone can build a family”—Diane began her own family as a single parent. CFC provides its clients – more than half of which are same-sex couples – with premiere concierge-level support from its caring case managers, as well as expert legal services, all in one integrated entity. The surrogate screening process at CFC is highly rigorous, resulting in the acceptance of only 2% of potential candidates who apply. CFC’s surrogates are not only healthy and clinically pre-approved, but they have a deep desire to help build someone’s family. CFC’s mission is to make every surrogacy journey as happy and stress-free as possible, while also legal and ethical. CFC is honored to be ranked as a top surrogacy company in the world by parents who have completed their surrogacy journey, as compiled by Men Having Babies. Diane and her team collaborated with fellow surrogacy attorneys to develop an in-depth 50-state surrogacy law analysis, at www.surrogacymap.com, which is relied on throughout the surrogacy world and is frequently cited in the media, including the New York Times and CNN.

www.creativefamilyconnections.com
Love is Family. Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM) is one of the world’s leading IVF clinics for donor egg surrogacy. For over 25 years we have been helping LGBTQ intended parents from 40 countries build their families. We are recognized globally for personalized care and consistently achieving among the highest live birth success rates – in recent years a more than 90% live birth rate with more than 70% twins in our donor egg surrogacy program. ORM Donors is our in-house egg donor program. Our locally-based donors are fully and rigorously-screened which minimizes time, risk and cost for intended parents. ORM Surrogacy is our program for intended parents working with a surrogate as part of their family building. ORM is one of the most experienced IVF clinics for surrogacy, with a dedicated team for managing these complex processes and longstanding relationships with the most experienced and respected surrogacy agencies. ORM Genomics is our program for integrating the most advanced reproductive genomics care and screening into every journey. Our team of in-house genetics counselors works with every donor and intended parent. Our goal is to give every intended parent the very best chance for success and a healthy baby on their first attempt.

www.oregonreproductivemedicine.com

California Fertility Partners

California Fertility Partners is credited with helping to make some of the world’s first IVF babies. Our babies are now 30. We have been helping gay men to have children through egg donation and surrogacy for the past two decades. The physicians and scientists at California Fertility Partners have dedicated their careers to helping patients build healthy and happy families. Our physicians are board certified in reproductive endocrinology and infertility, and have established international reputations for their expertise in IVF, egg donation, surrogacy, and reproductive surgery. They attract patients from around the globe for their expertise in reproductive medicine. In addition to excelling in patient care, our team has made significant research contributions which have advanced the field of reproductive medicine. We believe that the best results can be obtained by providing personalized and individualized care to each of our patients. Each new patient is assigned a specially trained nurse to help provide care during the treatment cycle. All exams and procedures are performed by the patient’s personal physician. We believe this close and attentive care can help bring optimal outcomes.

www.californiafertilitypartners.com

Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists

Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists (WSS) is dedicated to assist couples and individuals with the desire to achieve a family through third party assisted reproduction by providing attentive, individualized representation at an affordable price. WSS is a caring and highly competent team of professionals led by Founder and Legal Director Victoria T. Ferrara, Esq. We are here to save Intended Parents time, anguish and money, and to be a source of support for all parties so they can focus on the joys of creating a family. Worldwide is a member of Resolve (The National Infertility Association), the American Fertility Association, and the prestigious American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Lawyers. Please visit our website to learn more about our dedicated team of professionals or like us on Facebook to get updates and the latest news about the surrogacy journey.

www.worldwidesurrogacy.org

Circle Surrogacy

Family is our inspiration. With more than 20 years of experience and more than 1,450 babies born, Circle Surrogacy is one of the oldest, gay-owned, full-service surrogate-parenting agencies serving LGBTQ+ and heterosexual parents worldwide. Our dedicated staff is comprised of social workers, attorneys, program coordinators, experienced surrogates, and parents through surrogacy. We have achieved unparalleled success rates for our intended parents by controlling costs and insurance, securing high-quality IVF treatment, and focusing on our matching process. Our innovative offerings include unlimited matching, unlimited IVF, a fixed-fee program, a guarantee program and a concierge program. We offer complimentary consultations as well as informational seminars over Skype, in our office, and in many major cities around the world. To view Circle’s travel schedule visit our website:

www.circlesurrogacy.com
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www.samelovesurrogacy.com

HRC FERTILITY

HRC Fertility first opened its doors in 1988 as one of the only full service fertility centers in Southern California. We were founded on the principle that helping couples bring their dreams to life must be based on providing compassionate care using the latest technologies in a cost effective manner. Today, HRC is one of the largest providers of advanced reproductive care in the United States. Remaining dedicated to our primary mission, Dr. Norian and his team are fully committed to patients 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He and his team provide state-of-the-art technologies to achieve superior pregnancy rates while upholding the highest standards of moral and ethical practice. Dr. Norian is committed to providing this level of care in partnership with our patients, in bringing their dreams to life.

www.hrcreanchocucamonga.com

NORTHWEST SURROGACY CENTER

Founded in 1994 by attorneys specializing in surrogacy and adoption, Northwest Surrogacy Center, LLC is the leading and most successful surrogacy program on the West Coast. NWSC is dedicated to helping people of all kinds create the families they have dreamed of by matching intended parents with caring, responsible surrogates. We provide unparalleled service throughout the surrogacy process, from the application process to the birth and beyond. NWSC is consistently ranked one of the best surrogacy agencies overall by the Men Having Babies survey, with lower than average costs and wait times, and higher than average success rates. We work with Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM), one of the most successful IVF clinics in the world. In addition to its flagship office in Portland, Oregon, NWSC also has an office in the heart of San Francisco, California.

www.nwsurrogacycenter.com

WESTERN FERTILITY

The Mission of The Western Fertility Institute and Dr Kumar is to provide a supportive & comfortable environment utilizing the latest technology and equipment on the path to achieving a healthy pregnancy. The physicians are dedicated, talented, and empathetic to the needs of the patients and are at the top of their field. Greater than 95% of patients use PGS testing, facilitating pregnancy rates in the 70% – 80% range (per embryo transfer) for all age groups. With in house surrogates, donors & different financial packages, it's the one & only affordable stop you need to make, to grow your beautiful family. Dr Kumar now travels globally to share his insight & expertise to others about WIFI, and how he can help them pursue their dreams. If you would like to book an appointment with Dr Kumar, during the conference in New York, please send an email to info@westernfertility.com or call on +1 818 292 2242 and be a part of a magical journey.

www.westernfertility.com
CCRM

Founded in 1987 by Dr. William Schoolcraft, the Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine (CCRM) is one of the nation's leading infertility treatment centers, providing a wide spectrum of infertility treatments ranging from basic infertility care to advanced IVF technology. CCRM has locations in Colorado, Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Minneapolis, New York, Northern Virginia, Orange County, San Francisco and Toronto, Canada. Dr. Schoolcraft and his colleagues achieve some of the highest pregnancy rates in the country. CCRM has been ranked “The #1 Fertility Center in the U.S.” by Parents.com.


CREATE FERTILITY CENTRE - CANADA

Working with you to CReATe the family you’ve always dreamed of. Under the leadership of Dr. Clifford Librach, CReATe (Canadian Reproductive Assisted Technologies) Fertility Centre specializes in highly individualized care for clients from across Canada and around the world. “Our patients have unique hopes and dreams for a family” says Dr. Librach. Our team of professionals collaborate with you to provide personalized care with state-of-the-art on-site services including anonymous or known egg donation, gestational surrogacy, cryopreservation and Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS). As such, CReATe offers success rates among the top facilities in the world. Our staff strongly believe in caring for the whole patient taking into consideration social, cultural and spiritual needs.

www.createivf.com

PACIFIC FERTILITY CENTER

Pacific Fertility Center (PFC) physicians are internationally recognized for their extensive clinical experience, outstanding academic credentials, research contributions, and compassionate patient care. With over 100 years’ collective experience performing IVF, we are one of the most experienced fertility centers in the U.S. To date, we have welcomed over 10,000 babies. Having supported the LGBTQ community for decades, we have the expertise to make parenthood a reality. Egg Donor: Choose an anonymous or known egg donor with the option of using our in-house Egg Donor Agency. Gestational Carrier: We can provide referrals to reputable agencies. IVF: Donor eggs are inseminated in the IVF lab with the sperm of one or both of the male partners. One resulting embryo is then transferred to the uterus of the gestational carrier. We are here to help you start your family.

www.pacificfertilitycenter.com

FERTILITY SOURCE COMPANIES

Fertility Source Companies’ mission is to provide individuals who are unable to conceive with the assistance they need to become parents, including matching them with an egg donor, surrogate or both. As one of the largest egg donor and surrogacy agencies operating in the United States, Fertility SOURCE Companies is proud to provide our clientele with the most comprehensive third party reproductive care and coordination. Through its divisions, The Donor SOURCE and The Surrogacy SOURCE, the company’s commitment is to provide the highest degree of compassion, support and guidance to recipients, egg donors and surrogates. Fertility SOURCE Companies is proud to serve our LGBT community. As the world of assisted reproduction continues to advance, LGBT families have the distinct opportunity to pave the way for families empowered by choice that refuse to be limited by conception challenges or biological origin.

www.thesurrogacysource.com
IARC

IARC is a U.S. surrogacy agency that has facilitated over 2,000 births for parents in over 24 countries in its 30 year history. Expert surrogacy from the heart is our mission. We are proud to offer affordable full-service support for all legal, medical, financial, insurance, and administrative aspects of this process while always remaining focused on the well-being of all parties involved. You may count on us for thorough education, transparency, and personalized attention for each step of your program. This is not a “one size fits all” process, and we help intended parents make customized decisions that are best for their needs, budgetary and otherwise. This is an emotional step but also one that is filled with excitement. Joining your family on this journey would be our sincere privilege!

www.fertilityhelp.com

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REPRODUCTIVE CENTER

We are dedicated to providing our patients the highest quality of care with respect and compassion. Employing the most innovative technologies, we optimize the chances for success in creating a family. Our practice is proudly inclusive and supports a diverse patient population.

www.scrcivf.com

HEART TO HANDS SURROGACY

Heart to Hands Surrogacy LLC delivers a heart-based, ethical and exceptional experience. Founded in 2011, the Heart to Hands family has been handpicked for their experience in the medical, legal and surrogacy professions. Each employee has been a surrogate (or is married to one!). With personal attention and care, we match you with a qualified surrogate who is prepared and excited to carry your baby-and we have the shortest wait times on the West Coast! Our case managers support you from the time you join us and we celebrate when you take your baby home. No matter your gender, sexual preference, marital status, religious affiliation or where you live—we welcome you into our family! If you haven’t met with us yet to learn how we make your surrogacy experience exceptional, now is the time. Call us for a free consult!

www.hearttohandssurrogacy.com

LANE FERTILITY INSTITUTE

Located in San Francisco, California, Dr. Danielle Lane and her team at Lane Fertility Institute provide cutting-edge fertility treatment from consultation through advanced reproductive technologies. Excellence is a combination of individualized care, proprietary clinical protocols, and embryology expertise leading to proven successful outcomes. A world renowned fertility institute with patients from around the world, Lane Fertility Institute excels at partnering with patients to achieve their family building goals. Lane Fertility Institute believes that building a family should be an option for everyone. We welcome all individuals and couples, irrespective of their choice of partner. We offer our cutting-edge fertility treatment methods to all patients. Many of our LGBT patients use third-party reproduction services including egg donation, sperm donation, gestational surrogacy and in vitro fertilization. Our diverse team at Lane Fertility Institute looks forward to guiding you through your individualized process.

www.lanefertilityinstitute.com
Agency for Surrogacy Solutions, Inc. has been helping create families since 2004, and is one of the oldest, most well-respected agencies in the world. Co-owners – Kathryn Kaycoff & Lauri de Brito – are former Intended Parents, and between them have 5 children through surrogacy and egg donation. They know from personal experience how much trust and support is needed in this journey. Their staff of 10 case managers and surrogate coordinators, will hold your hand and guide you through every step of the journey – from first contact until long after your baby(ies) is home with you. Over 60 percent of their Intended Parents live outside of the United States, so working across time zones is comes naturally. The agency also has an egg donor division and offers top donors and expert supervision. They look forward to assisting you become parents!

www.surrogacysolutionsinc.com

The Law Offices of Molly O’Brien is a full service law firm with a boutique feel that is dedicated to you and helping you build your family. Owner Molly O’Brien has extensive experience in this field and will be with you every step of the way along your journey to parenthood. Ms. O’Brien previously worked in the field for both an Egg Donation Agency and a Surrogacy Agency so she brings a unique perspective to your journey and is able to assist in many ways. At the Law Offices of Molly O’Brien, we work with Intended Parents that reside internationally and domestically. Our services range from assisting Intended Parents with contract drafting and negotiation for their egg donation, sperm donation, embryo donation, and/or surrogacy journey and obtaining parental rights and assistance with birth certificates, passports and insurance matters. We also provide trust management services.

www.yourfertilitylawyer.com

Vorzimer/Masserman – Fertility & Family Law Center, was formed in 1994 and is managed by founding shareholders Andrew Vorzimer and Dean Masserman. VM is a boutique law firm based in Woodland Hills, California, and is widely regarded as the go-to Reproductive Law Firm in the world. VM has represented clients across the United States and from more than 38 different countries worldwide. Third Party Reproduction, also referred to as Family Building, includes Surrogacy, Egg Donation and Embryo donation, and is a true specialty requiring intimate knowledge of applicable local laws, industry guidelines, insurance, immigration, probate and family law. We are privileged to represent the most sophisticated clientele, in our new cutting-edge law building.

www.vmfirm.com

Family Source Consultants’ has been assisting with family building for eleven years since January of 2007. Our home office is based in Chicago, IL with additional offices in Dallas, TX and Miami, FL. As members of ASRM (The American Society of Reproductive Medicine) we are third party reproduction experts who have a deep passion for assisting others with their family building endeavor through Surrogacy and/or Egg Donation. Family Source Consultants is committed to equality! More than half of our Intended Parents are of the same sex. We look forward to helping you learn more about this incredible path to parenthood and would love to talk with you by phone or email, or via a no-cost Skype or in-person consultation.

www.familysourcesurrogacy.com
THE WALD LAW GROUP

The Wald Law Group is an all-purpose family law firm based in San Francisco. Its founder, Deborah Wald, has been certified as a Family Law Specialist by the State Bar of California and was named a Northern California Super Lawyer for 2015-2017. While her firm handles all aspects of family law, Ms. Wald’s primary practice areas include Parentage Litigation, Custody, Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Law. Ms. Wald is a fellow of the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys (AAARTA), the reproductive law committee of the American Bar Association, and the Academies of California Adoption and Family Formation Lawyers. In addition, she is Chair of the National Family Law Advisory Council for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

www.waldlaw.net

ALL FAMILIES SURROGACY

All Families Surrogacy, LLC, is a thriving gestational surrogacy agency based near Portland, Oregon, with a passion for helping to create all kinds of families. Founded and operated by experienced surrogates, AFS has gained a stellar reputation worldwide for our professionalism and our personal dedication to our surrogates and Intended Parents.

www.allfamiliessurrogacy.com

MYRHS, LLC

MYRHS, LLC is an egg donor agency based in San Francisco specializing in Asian Egg Donors. The majority of our egg donors are college students of Chinese, Vietnamese or Korean ethnic background. Whether you are a single parent, same sex couple, or heterosexual couple, we support the family building efforts of all intended parents in the U.S. and abroad and can help you realize your dreams to have a family!

www.meiyarhs.com

CRYOS INTERNATIONAL

Cryos International is the world’s largest sperm bank and first independent egg bank in the US. With more than 1,000 donors and over 30 years of experience, Cryos delivers to over 100 countries and offers a wide selection donor sperm and frozen donor eggs from all races, ethnicities and phenotypes.

www.usa.cryosinternational.com

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EMD Serono, the biopharmaceutical division of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, is a specialized biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing therapies with groundbreaking potential. At EMD Serono, we recognized the potential of specialty pharmaceuticals and patient care long ago, and have been dedicated to delivering on their promise ever since. We have a legacy of both trying to find solutions to hard to treat conditions, as well as developing patient assistance programs that help ensure that those who need our therapies are able to access them. As one of the top five U.S. companies exclusively focused on specialty care, we see our innovation as a matter of balancing science with emotion – integrating our top minds in research and development with the insights from patients and health care practitioners confronting real-world concerns.

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Our goal is to make your Surrogacy journey as enjoyable and stress free as possible.
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### IVF CLINICS

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With over 6,500 future and current gay parents worldwide, the international nonprofit Men Having Babies (MHB) is dedicated to providing its members with educational and financial support. Each year over a thousand attendees benefit from unbiased guidance and access to a wide range of relevant service providers at its monthly workshops in NYC and conferences in NYC, Chicago, Brussels, San Francisco, Dallas and Tel Aviv. The organization’s Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) provides dozens of couples annually with over a million dollars worth of cash grants, discounts and free services from over fifty leading service providers. Collaborating with an advisory board made up of surrogates, MHB developed a Framework for Ethical Surrogacy, which has received endorsements from leading LGBT parenting organizations worldwide. In addition, MHB offers extensive online resources, a directory with ratings and reviews of agencies and clinics, a Surrogacy Speakers Bureau, and a vibrant online community forum.

SURROGACY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

MHB offers monthly workshops in NYC, as well as annual conferences in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Austin, Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Tel Aviv and Brussels. These conferences, which are organized with the help of prominent LGBT parenting organizations, provide unparalleled opportunities to get unbiased information, access a wide range of relevant service providers, and connect with others going through the surrogacy process. Special interest panels for parents, prospects and professionals include topics such as parenting for HIV+ men, speaking to your children about surrogacy and gay parenting, testimonies from teenagers born via surrogacy, and ethical considerations in surrogacy.

THE GAY PARENTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GPAP)

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) was created as part of our mission to make surrogacy services more affordable for gay men. GPAP annually provides dozens of couples with access to substantial discounts and about $750,000 in cash grants and free services from about fifty leading service providers. Funds for this program come from event sponsorship fees and direct donations. Applications for discounts (Stage I) are accepted on a rolling basis, and candidates for grants (Stage II) are evaluated annually.

THE SURROGACY ADVISOR DIRECTORY

In an effort to promote transparency and affordability, MHB conducts extensive surveys of hundreds of surrogacy clients. Using the data we receive, we compile exclusive rating tables with satisfaction levels for various agencies and clinics, as well as success rates, and real cost figures. This information has already helped many prospective parents save thousands of dollars by identifying affordable, effective providers. The directory includes a comprehensive listing of over 100 providers from the USA and beyond with contact information, descriptions of services, video introductions, and reviews. A universal consultation request form allows our members to contact dozens of providers in one step.

ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

Together with our Surrogates Advisory Committee and community partners worldwide, MHB works to promote a Framework for Ethical Surrogacy that benefit all parties involved. We also work to raise awareness about surrogacy by assisting academic studies, maintaining the MHB Surrogacy Forum on Facebook for dads and surrogates, and setting up the first ever Surrogacy Speakers Bureau.