

Newsletter
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The SurroGay Network

We decided to send an extra newsletter to communicate a few things.

Legal webinar for French dads and dads to be.

Last month, The SurroGay Network organized a webinar for all French future dads on legal issues on the registry and adoption of the baby by the non-bio father. It was our first event!

We were so grateful for the participation that surpassed all our expectations: 97 people registered, 65 attended it and it has been watched on replay more than 45 times.

We recognized the need to bring reliable information to everyone, and we will continue to do so in the future. If you missed it or are interested in receiving the link to watch the replay, please let us know (the information in the webinar applies only to French legislation and is in French).

We thank very much Cedric and Mrs. Catherine for sharing their knowledge and experience.

Coming soon: Workshop for SurroGay Network Members

SurroGay Network will be inviting active members of the network to participate in the Workshop “Preventing Fatherhood’s burnt out”. A workshop with a specialist in this topic, that will present the causes of fatherhood burnt out, and of course, what we can do to take care of ourselves to prevent it and be the best fathers we can be for our children. Members of the Network will receive an invitation directly to their e-mail to jointly select the best date of the workshop. Because of the nature of the event, where we want dads and future dads to share their own personal stories, the workshop will not be recorded. The workshop will be in English.

Money: Financing your Surrogacy process.

Financing is in many cases the most difficult barrier to start a surrogacy process. The SurroGay Network is constantly looking for alternatives to present to future dads to be able to finance their dream.

This time, we bring an alternative for the French market that can be useful to you or someone you know, so please feel free to share this information with other (French) dads.

If dads-to-be in other countries know of financing options, please share them with us and we will share them in our network.

Knowing The “*Fundacion Grandes Corazones*”

The ‘Big Hearts Foundation’ makes a difference for the surrogates in this surrogacy program. The foundation’s mission is to accompany the surrogates and their families with activities and skills development for them to improve their incomes and consequently their living conditions.

Please take some time to visit their website, follow them on Facebook and learn about them. The foundation makes us very proud; it is a unique approach in the world that places the role and figure of the surrogate at the center of the program, and it is central to our core values for ethical surrogacy.

The SurroGay LABEL

Recently, we have been approached by dads-to-be who also have surrogacy processes in Colombia (which are not part of our network), asking for information on their processes and wanting to confirm what their processes include or don’t include. They clearly lack information provided by their own contacts, agencies, or clinic; and sadly, they create doubts and questions amongst the IPs in this Network.

We have a SurroGay Label, which is a guarantee of the things that are included. We can’t speak for anybody else who says what their process in Colombia includes or does not include. For the “SurroGay dads”, their programs do include PGS testing, unlimited embryo transfer attempts, and everything else you signed for.

We are constantly adding and updating the demands of the SurroGay Label. We want to grow with the future dads - and the clinic – towards ethical and responsible processes, where everyone involved has a positive experience.

Just so you know: Genetic tests and the sex of the baby.

As you know, the clinic carries out two genetic tests, the PGS and the NIPT. The first one at embryo creation and the second one during the 10th week of pregnancy. These tests are meant to screen for chromosomal anomalies. Because the tests identify the chromosomes, they are also used to predict the sex of the baby. In most cases, the prediction is accurate, but in a low percentage, it is not. We just wanted all of you to be aware of this since inaccurate predictions happen from time to time. It is the 5-month ultrasound the definitive proof of your baby’s sex. So hold your baby-reveal party until a visual confirmation of your baby’s sex.