

# Intended Parent Handbook

Canada's Most  
Innovative Fresh Egg  
Donation Agency

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# Becoming a Parent through Egg Donation

Dear Intended Parent(s):

At Fertility Match, we truly understand the emotions and challenges that have brought you here, as well as those that lie ahead. Our company was founded on the principles of trust and respect, and our goal is to do everything in our power to help your dream of having a child become a reality.

You might be going through a difficult time, or perhaps nervous about the decision you're embarking upon, but there is a lot of room for hope and excitement with the options available today. Becoming a parent through Egg Donation is a unique and beautiful experience.

We understand that you are making a life-altering decision and that our program may not be right for you. In speaking with us, we will provide you with an honest and realistic plan and discuss all the associated costs. We will be upfront about the challenges you'll face and how Fertility Match can help you through an exciting journey, but with ups and downs that are often out of anyone's control.

Take time to read through this manual and write out your questions. When ready, we encourage you to book your Free Consultation with us to discuss your situation. We truly look forward to speaking with you and hopefully guiding you through this exciting journey ahead!

With warmest regards,

*Jill Filippidis, RPN  
Director of Agency Services*

# The Fertility Match Difference

Selecting the right agency to help you build your family is the first big decision you will make on your Egg Donation journey. This is one of the most important investments you will make in your life, and you need an organization that will represent your best interests and listen to all of your questions, concerns and challenges. Our Core Values define how we operate and work with our clients.

## Respect

We treat Intended Parents and Egg Donors with the utmost respect and compassion as we assist you in navigating your unique journey.

## Support

We know that by supporting you and facilitating the appropriate communication between all parties we will make this journey the very best it can be, for everyone.

## Trust

We understand that you are putting your trust in us. We will always be transparent and professional, and act in the best interests of our clientele – Intended Parents and Egg Donors alike.

## Integrity

We will always be driven by integrity, honesty and impartiality when dealing with our clients and our partners in the reproductive field.

# About our Egg Donors

Our Egg Donors are amongst the best and brightest in Canada and truly want to help deserving parents build a family.

Our Donors have altruistic views about donating and most of them have personal stories that have inspired them to make this decision.



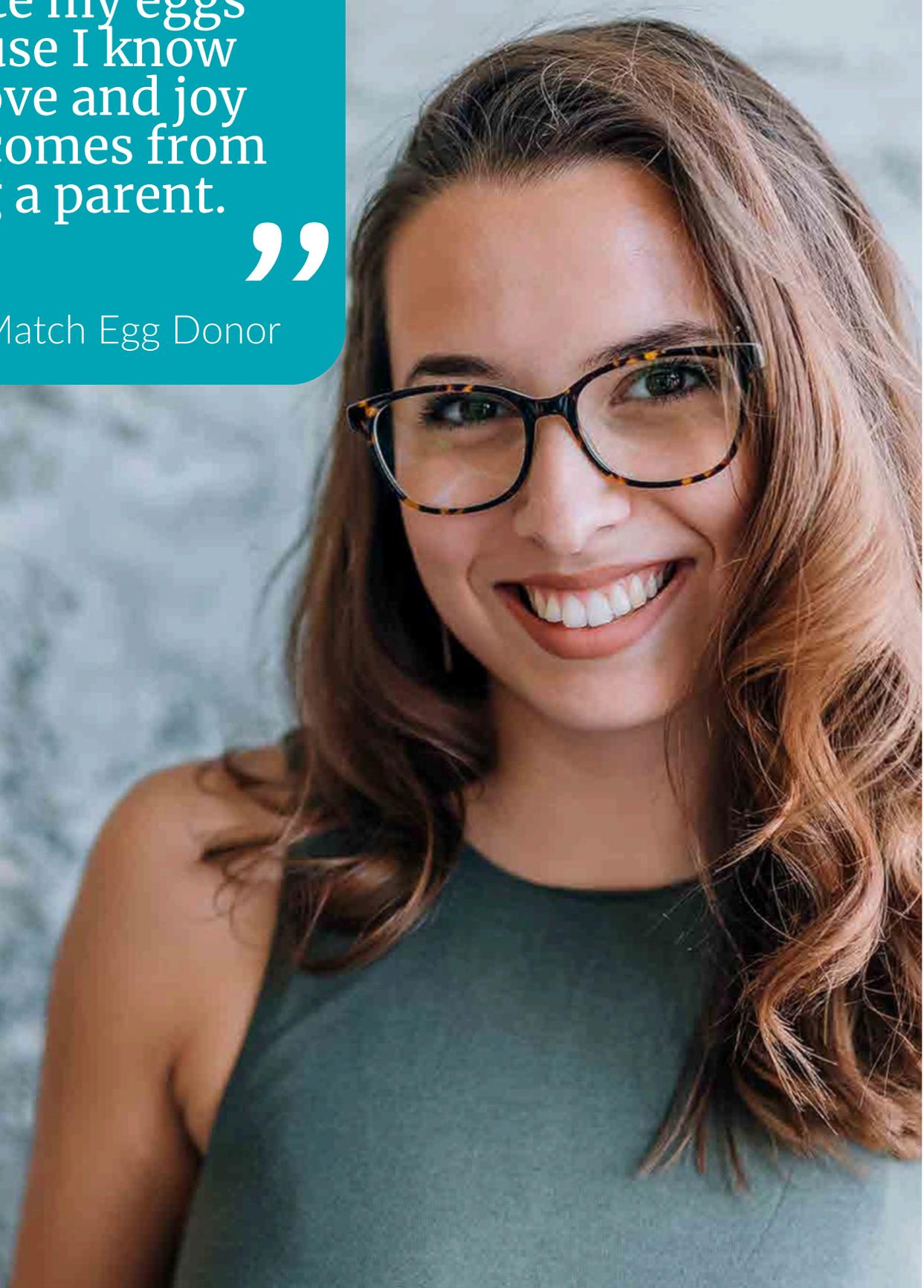
The Fertility Match team has online meetings with each and every Egg Donor in our program to ensure they understand their commitments.

Egg Donors go through a highly developed screening process before entering into our program. Fertility Match ensures that each donor meets Canadian clinic requirements to donate, and has their initial screening (AMH & Genetic Testing) done prior to being activated on our database.

Once you have selected a Donor, we will organize the remainder of the medical screening through your Fertility Clinic. We also organize psychological counselling for all of our Donors to be sure that they understand Egg Donation and are emotionally ready to donate.

“ I decided to donate my eggs because I know the love and joy that comes from being a parent. ”

- Sam,  
Fertility Match Egg Donor



# About our Egg Donors

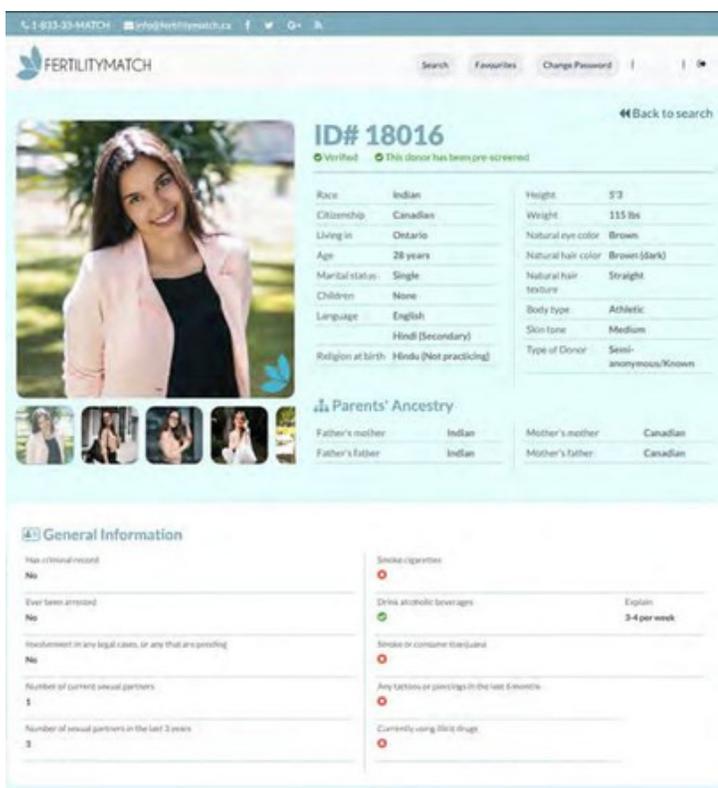
We are in direct, ongoing contact with all of our Egg Donors. Our team takes great pride in getting to know each and every one of them personally and facilitating the best journey for them.

The Egg Donors you see on our database are ready and eager to move forward with the donation process, helping you to achieve your dreams of having a family as quickly as possible.



# Canada's Most Advanced Donor Database

Over the years, Fertility Match has continuously developed our Egg Donor Database with the goal of providing Intended Parents with a simple, effective tool for finding qualified, proven or pre-screened Donors. Our detailed database allows IPs to find out more about the donor's personality, goals in life and what made them decide to be an Egg Donor.



We have designed our database in a way that allows Donors to create their own profile in a private, secure portal. Fertility Match spends time with each and every Donor ensuring their profile is complete and provides Intended Parents with over 150 sources of data about each Donor.

Each Donor is required to answer questions in six different categories including Personal Info; Medical Info; Family Medical History; Education and Employment; and Traits and Characteristics.

It is our hope that the information provided to you on the profiles will help you feel empowered to make the very important decision of choosing your Egg Donor.

# Comprehensive Carrier Screening

Fertility Match is very proud to be the only agency in Canada facilitating Comprehensive Carrier screening for over 500 genetic markers on all our Egg Donor candidates, ensuring that the most advanced, science-based treatment is accessible to aspiring parents working with us to grow their families.

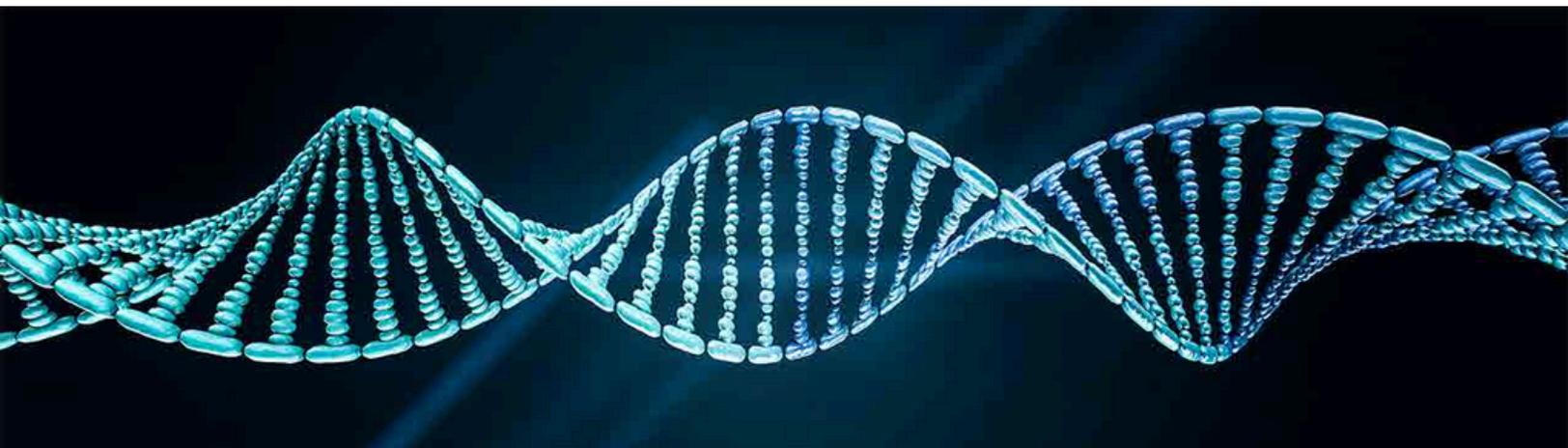
In the past, genetic tests for specific genetic disorders were offered to couples trying to conceive if they were identified at risk because they belonged to an ethnic group with a high risk of certain genetic diseases. Examples of this include:

- Ashkenazi Jewish (Tay-Sachs disease and others)
- African American (sickle cell disease)
- Mediterranean and Southeast Asian (thalassemia)



Today, we have expanded genetic carrier screening tests available based on diseases that can be tested and are most prevalent. They are no longer offered based on ethnicity, but their interpretation and accuracy may take ethnicity into account. Expanded carrier screening testing can identify flaws in genes for more than 500 genetic disorders, some of which are rare and have few treatments.

Current technology does not allow evaluation of the entire genetic code of an egg or sperm provider. However, the testing panels that are available minimize the risk of transmitting a genetic disease. For this very reason, Fertility Match is now performing genetic carrier screening on all of our Egg Donors and their results will be displayed on their profiles. This way, Intended Parents will know the genetic results of the Egg Donor before they select them, ensuring that they can make an informed decision on the health of their future child.

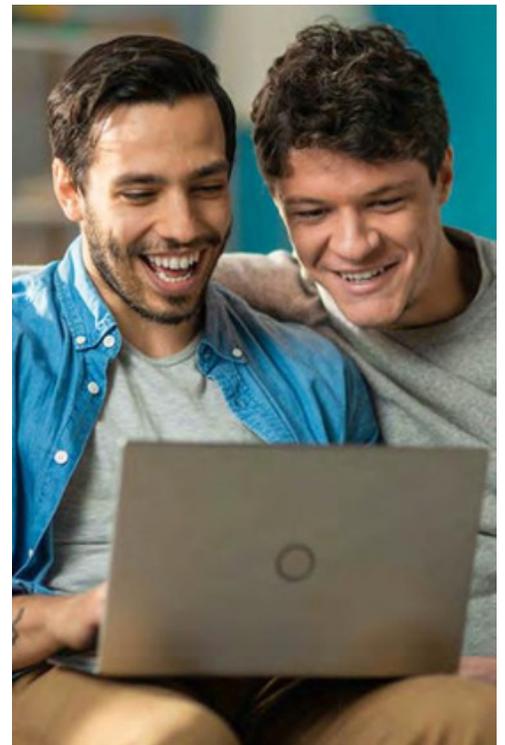


# Qualifying Factor for our Intended Parents

At Fertility Match, our Intended Parents understand the value that we deliver. We work closely with clients just like you to manage all aspects of your egg donation journey. Whether you need help with navigating the Donor database, selecting and coordinating clinic appointments, providing guidance at difficult junctures in the journey, or connecting you with the best fertility lawyers in Canada, Fertility Match has you covered.

As an Intended Parent, in order to meet the minimum criteria to join our Egg Donation Program, you must:

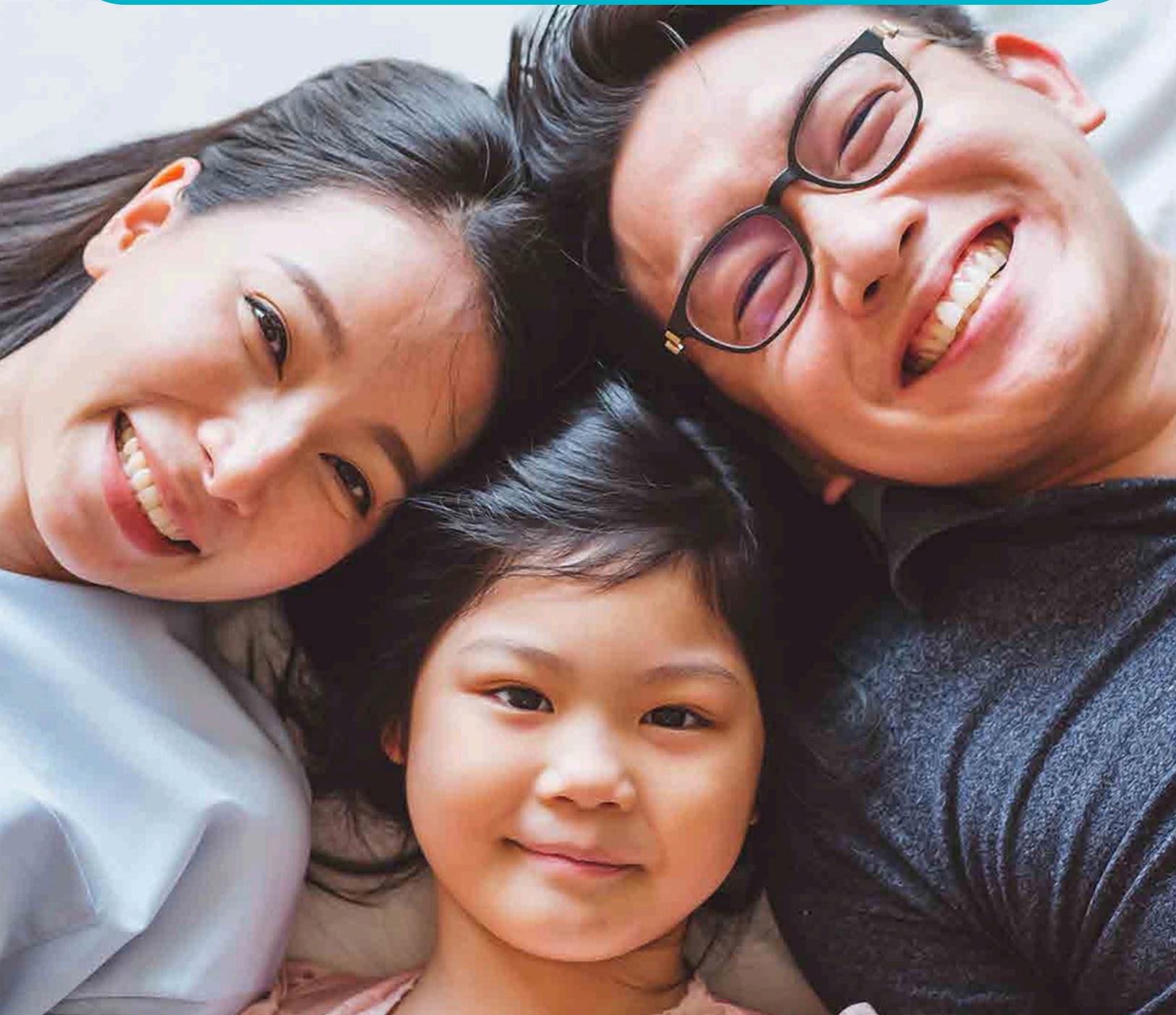
- Be a current patient of a Fertility Clinic in Canada that facilitates fresh egg donation.
- Have the financial means to cover all the costs as outlined in this handbook.
- Be willing to accurately complete our Intended Parent Application to the best of your ability and knowledge.
- Have a good understanding of the dynamics of Egg Donation and its implications on the child you are bringing into the world.



If you meet these requirements, please reach out to us. We would love to learn more about you and help you make your family a reality.

“ The team took the time to really get to know us and understand our journey and our needs. It was so easy to talk to them. They have come to feel like team members, cheering us on, and stepping in for support through the process when we've needed it. They coach us, hope with us, get nervous with us, and get excited with us.

-J&T, Fertility Match Intended Parents ”



# Intended Parent Application and Process

At Fertility Match, we structured our Application Process to ensure that we properly qualify you for our program. By collecting the required information we need about you, speaking with you about your situation and your personal preferences, we are able to provide personalized guidance and support throughout your journey.



If you're reading this guide, you have already taken the first step towards making your dream of creating a family a reality! Provided you are comfortable with the information in this Handbook, your next step is to book a virtual consultation with one of our team members.

At the end of the consultation, you will be invited to create a secure account on our database, so you can begin to browse our available donor profiles.

# Intended Parent Application and Process

Once you have identified a Donor you are interested in, we will send you a quote and a link to complete our online Intended Parent Application. Once that form is received, our Finance Officer will book a call to review the contract and discuss the financial requirements for Donor expenses and other required costs. This conversation ensures there are no surprises before signing your Ovum Donation Agreement with Fertility Match.

After we receive the signed contract and full payment, your Donor will be officially put on hold and removed from the Donor Database.



We will then begin working with your designated Fertility Clinic to complete the Donor's screening.

Once your selected Donor has been medically cleared, the legal process then begins. We will refer your Donor to a lawyer who specializes in third party reproduction, and can also make a legal referral for you as well.

Once the legal contracts are in place, your donation cycle can begin! We will manage your Donor's appointments, travel arrangements, and reimbursable expenses throughout this process.

# Overview of Fees and Expenses

## Estimated Program Fees

Consulting Fee (pre-screened donor)	\$7,000 + HST
Consulting Fee (proven donor)	\$9,000 + HST
Donor's Legal Fees	\$1,200 + HST
Travel Trust (variable based on travel distance)	\$2,000-\$11,000
Reimbursable Expenses Trust	\$8,000 Maximum

## Optional Program Fees

Genetic Assurance Package	\$3,000-\$4,000 + HST
Donor Replacement Program	\$2,000 + HST

## Other Costs

Your Estimated Legal fees (paid to your lawyer)	\$1,500 + HST
Fertility Clinics fees (paid to your clinic)	Contact your clinic
Medication Costs (usually paid to your clinic)	Approx. \$3,000-\$8,000

\*HST is only applied for Canadian Residents

# Egg Donor Tiers

	Pre-Screened	Proven
Extensive Application Completed	✓	✓
Video Screening Call w/ Fertility Match	✓	✓
Completed Health Documentation	✓	✓
Signed Donor Waiver & Program Agreements	✓	✓
Anti-Müllerian Hormone (AMH) testing complete	✓	✓
Comprehensive Carrier Screening	✓	✓
Reimbursable Expenses Capped at \$8,000	✓	✓
Travel Booked by Fertility Match	✓	✓
Responds well to stimulation medication*		✓
Previous donation records available*		✓

\*Applies to previous Donor only

# Genetic Assurance Package Option

Find the perfect Egg Donor on our database but want to make sure they are a good genetic match before committing? This is a perfect option for Intended Parents who have not already undergone genetic screening of their own, and who wish to ensure their Donor of choice is a good genetic match with their sperm contributor before moving forward.

For a fee of \$3,000 + HST, we will place a Donor of your choice on hold while Fertility Match facilitates genetic testing for one sperm contributor.

\*\*For two sperm contributors looking to test both partners, the fee is \$4,000 + HST.

The respective Consulting Fee + HST and trust amounts are fully refundable (minus a \$1,000 administrative fee) if the sperm contributor(s) and selected Egg Donor are found to be carriers of the same genetic disorder, and the match is too significant of a risk to proceed.



# Donor Replacement Program Option

While most of our Egg Donor and Parent matches do work out, some journeys unfortunately do not for circumstances out of our control. Despite efforts to ensure Donor commitment, things in a person's life can change unexpectedly; reasons could include the illness of a loved one, or new education and employment opportunities.



In the rare event that your Egg Donor is no longer able to move forward, Fertility Match does not want that to mean the end of your journey with us. We are pleased to offer an optional Donor Replacement Program in case your Donor is no longer able to proceed with the donation. For an additional fee of \$2,000, due at the time of securing your Egg Donor, Fertility Match will substitute a Donor of your choice within the previously chosen or lesser Donor Tier without any additional Agency Consulting Fees. The terms and conditions of this plan are explained in detail in our Program Agreement.

# Payment Schedule

Once you've selected a Donor and signed your Ovum Donation Agreement with Fertility Match, all the costs for which you have signed are due immediately. When the full balance has been paid, the match will be declared official, and your Donor will be reserved for you.

Your own Legal Fees for the Ovum Donation Agreement between you and your Donor will be paid directly to your lawyer. The legal process won't start until after the donor has been medically cleared by your doctor; several weeks after signing on with Fertility Match.



Fertility Clinics require payment for treatment and medication at varying times, and they will explain to you directly when payments are due.



“ My husband and I found Fertility Match through a recommendation from our lawyer, and we could not be happier with our choice!

We wanted an agency that was going to be of high integrity, legally sound, and was looking out for our best interests.

From the first phone call with the owners, we knew right away they were “The One”!

- A & S Fertility Match  
Intended Parents

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Will my Egg Donor know who I am?

At Fertility Match, we do not facilitate anonymous Egg Donation. Based on extensive psycho-social research on families and children conceived through Egg Donor conception, anonymous Egg and Sperm Donation is not in the best interest of any of the parties involved; especially the children.

We also understand that having a Donor play an active role in your family's life is not idyllic for many parents. All of the Egg Donors in our program are at minimum, open to contact with a child born from their donation after the child turns 18 years of age. This process can only be initiated by the child or children, and only after the child turns 18 years of age. These Donors are referred to as Semi-Anonymous Donors.



Some Egg Donors in our program are open to being Known Donors, meaning they are willing to meet any time after the donation is complete and a pregnancy is established.

If you decide to select a Donor who has indicated on their profile that they are open to being a Known Donor, this relationship can be defined and agreed upon by you and your Donor during the drafting of the legal Ovum Donation Agreement, if you choose.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Do you work with all kinds of Intended Parents?

Everyone deserves the opportunity to build a family. At Fertility Match, we work with all Intended Parents who are seeking an Egg Donor. Whether its for medical reasons, age-related reasons, for single parents or for same-sex couples, our Egg Donation program was built to help guide our clients to success. Fertility Match is proud to have helped such a wide range of Intended Parents, and we are constantly amazed at their perseverance to build a family, no matter their situation.

## Do I have to tell my child about their origin?

The majority of medical and psychological professionals agree that being honest with your child from the beginning about their conception and genetic history is best. At Fertility Match, we believe in research-based practices, and the research shows that children who know from the beginning that they are Donor-conceived are healthier and happier than those who find out later in life.

## What can reimbursable expenses include?

In Canada, it is illegal for an Egg Donor to be paid for their egg donation; however, they can be reimbursed for expenses incurred throughout the donation cycle.

A Donor's reimbursable expense trust is used for donation related incidentals such as (but not necessarily limited to) missed work wages to attend medical appointments/to recover following the retrieval, healthy groceries and meals, over the counter medications and vitamins, stress relieving modalities, child or pet care to attend medical appointments, a note taker for missed classes as well as the missed wages of a companion to bring them to the retrieval procedure.

# Contact Us



1-833-33-MATCH



info@fertilitymatch.ca

Thank you for considering Fertility Match to help build your family through Egg Donation – we are honoured to be a part of your journey!

The next step in this process is to book your free consultation with one of our team members. During the meeting, we will provide you with an overview of our program (including program details, process, and costs involved) and the Fertility Match difference. We will also take time to get to know you and your situation and understand how we can help.

During the consultation, we will give you access to our Donor Database where you can view our Donor profiles.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE CONSULTATION](#)

There are no costs, and no obligations.

We look forward to speaking with you!



Egg donation  
provides a  
blueprint...

but YOU will  
shape who  
your child  
becomes!