

final thoughts...

“Always believe in the impossible, for what is possible, is that, in which you believe....”

Diana Van De Voort-Perez



It's hard to believe in just over a decade, I have witnessed the transformation of a small, home-based business into a full-fledged, respected million dollar corporation, directly competing with large agencies known and talked about around the world.

What started out as a business I created which would allow me to stay home with my children actually did the opposite. I have devoted countless hours and emotionally invested everything, to build a business that would not only give my family stability, but teach them how important it is to help others and never take anything for granted.

I wanted to be someone my children could be proud of. When I look back and see all that I have accomplished, starting at the age of 25 with two small children, it is nothing short of amazing!

Helping to create families has been the best opportunity of my life!

I completely trust, respect and care about my staff and their families. Without them, their dedication and compassion, I wouldn't feel comfortable taking a step back and focusing on my family for a while. My family has "shared" my attention for long enough. It's now time to be a wife and mom, before I wake up one day and realize I have missed the best part of life.

Being a parent is such a wonderful gift. The good and the bad make it that much more rewarding and fulfilling. I will always know what is going on at the office, but for now, my time and my heart will be at home.

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Current topics >>>

Surrogate Alternatives welcomes our new business partners- The Law Offices of Falletta & Klein

We are happy to have Stephen Falletta & Steve Klein as our Lead Attorneys. Together, they have over 50 years of combined legal experience in Surrogacy, Egg Donation, Embryo and Sperm Donation. They are up-to-date on the ever changing laws in California and how insurance changes affect a surrogate pregnancy and delivery.

For more information visit their web site:

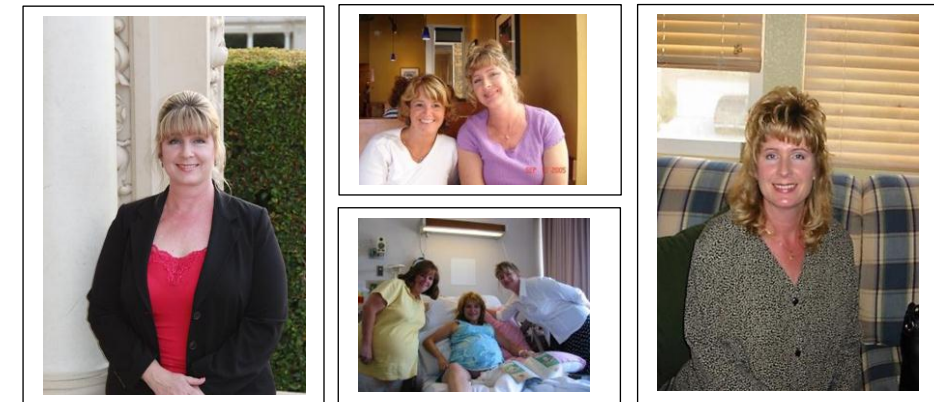
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Melinda returns to Surrogate Alternatives

Melinda was part of the Surrogate Alternatives family from June of 2002 to November of 2005. During this time, she worked with over 200 couples in their quest to parenthood. We are happy to have her back on our team!



BABIES BORN AND DUE IN 2011 & 2012

SAI has had 66 babies born (so far) this year & 44 babies due (so far) by the end of 2012

17 Singletons (*born*) / 11 Singletons (*due*)

22 sets of twins (*born*) / 15 sets of twins (*due*)

2 sets of triplets (*born*) / 1 set of triplets (*due*)

There are also:

(27 PREGNANT SURROGATES & 34 AVAILABLE SURROGATES!)



SURROGACY
& Egg Donation



Introducing >>>

Bernadette Tello, Operations Coordinator

Bernadette has been a part of Surrogate Alternatives for over five years. She has completed three surrogacy journeys and brought three children into this world for two very grateful couples. She loves being a surrogate mother but has chosen to retire. By working for Surrogate Alternatives, she is able to still be a part of this amazing industry-sharing in the journey of creating life.



I am absolutely thrilled to begin my career with SAI. I am excited to work with a staff of wonderful women who are compassionate and caring. I can now return the kindness and compassion I

Received, to New Surrogate Mothers! We all have the same very important goal in mind, to treat every case with dedication and commitment. I have been involved in the Surrogacy and Egg donation field since 2005. I have been a Surrogate three times with the result of three beautiful baby girls. I have been blessed to witness all my couples become families. The love in their eyes when they held their babies for the first time was a true miracle.

I feel so blessed to be part of SAI and continue to see these true miracles for many years to come.....



My Family-My Life:

The main reason I became a Surrogate was because of my own Blessings. I have two children. Nicholas is 13, and Elyse is 7. They are the loves of my life. Nick loves working with computers, and Elyse loves to Play Soccer, Dance, and work on her Art.

My husband Ron and I have been together for 10 years, and he is my best friend! On weekends, we love to Bike Ride, BBQ, spend time at the Beach, and complete DIY projects in our yard and Home.

Fun at our Annual Family Event: Catered by Rubio's

Everyone seemed to have a great time! SAI hired a balloon artist to make fun animals and cartoon characters as well as a face painter to entertain the children. We also had a Sponge Bob jumper and drawings for fun themed baskets such as Fun-in-the Sun, Family Game Night, A day at the Spa and Beach Day.



Clients of SAI talk to our surrogates about their experience

Local couple, Jenna and Ian welcomed a beautiful baby girl last year, after years of trying to have a child. They were kind enough to be our special guests at our August support group meeting. It was great for our surrogates to hear what Intended Parents go through and realize what a true gift they are giving.

My Babies Daddies and Me...

Words can't describe the feeling that came over me as I watched my first intended parents watch their daughter being born. The most amazing thing that is forever etched in my brain is the image of my dad's embracing each other as they looked over their beautiful new daughter in her basinet freshly out of the womb. This was my first surrogate experience in 2007. My next journey is freshly in my mind as I just delivered a set of twin girls in June. As I am writing this I can't help to accumulate some tears in my eyes, not out of sadness, but out of being completely and utterly proud, happy, and amazed having an overwhelming feeling of deep respect for the whole surrogacy process and my journeys I have taken so far. Yes, maybe my hormones are still raging, but there is something humbling about helping a couple, who otherwise could not have children themselves, to have children.

As a 2nd time gestational surrogate, I have greatly valued my experiences. My experience the second time was just as magical and as amazing as I thought it would be. Both of my experiences have been amazing and I have developed really close relationships with all of my daddies.

Another fantastic element to my surrogacy processes is the fact that I have met so many other women whom I am proud to call my "Surrogate Sisters", as Kristi called them, who will always mean the world to me. The support of my surrogate agency truly helped guide me through my journey and I thank them for giving me the love and support through each pregnancy and the opportunity to meet all of my intended fathers whom I love and adore.

Surrogacy is not only a gift to the intended parents, but a true gift and privilege to the surrogates themselves. *Thank you to all of my dad's for letting me be a part of your lives. I love you all and it has been an amazing journey!*

Bridget Bjork

Agency Event >>>

Our Winter Retreat- A day at the Spa!

We decided to do something a bit different this year. Normally, we do two retreats in Palm Springs each year; however, Diana has wanted to do "a day at the spa" for the surrogates for some time now. The event was fun; everyone enjoyed their massages, facials and some, pedicures.

Surrogate Alternatives had robes embroidered to commemorate the event for all of the surrogates. Lunch was catered by the hotel and we took the girls to dinner after their full day of pampering. Nothing is better than sitting in the spa, sauna or by the pool-just RELAXING ©



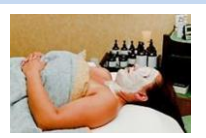
The Spa is beautiful!



The girls checking in for their services



Lunch is served



Ask your question >>>

Q: How can I give the baby up?

A: *This question has many answers
And is the most asked question of them all.*

Agencies only accept women who have previously given birth, are properly screened and are counseled, to ensure they understand the process. Being a surrogate mother is not for everyone. You have to be able to think about that other person, their struggles and what giving them a baby would mean to them, how it would change their life. The child would not have a biological connection to the surrogate. If the surrogate had a good relationship with the person she was helping, giving them a baby would be that much more of a rewarding experience. There is nothing else quite like it in the world, then to see the face of your Intended Parent when they hold their child for the first time and to know it was all possible because of YOU!

