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## Why I donated my Eggs – Haley’s story

To be honest when I was first approached about donating eggs I really had no idea exactly what was involved in the IVF process. I knew it was expensive & involved giving yourself injections. That’s just the tip of the iceberg. It is invasive, sometimes painful, emotional and a very lengthy process. Blood tests, ultrasounds, injections, more blood tests, more ultrasounds. It’s hard core. It ruins relationships. Women who put themselves through the IVF process are warriors. What they are prepared to do to get a baby, which they so desperately desire and crave with every bone in their body.

***At least one in six couples in Australia are experiencing infertility and many of them are seeking an Egg Donor Angel so they can become a family***

I am 32, I am married and I have 3 healthy children. My family is complete. I don’t need my eggs anymore, they are just going to go to waste. I see it simply as helping a couple make their own baby. Sometimes, I use a cake analogy when explaining it, they need to make a cake & have all the other special ingredients except the eggs. Why not help make someone’s dream come true? I have something someone else needs, something so tiny, but so important. It’s an act of kindness, a very special gift. I can help change someone’s life. Yes it is invasive & lots of tests involved but for an egg donor, it is a relatively short disruption to your life for such an amazing outcome. I have been very private with who knows about my donation, only the closest people in my life know. I did not need anyone’s approval. I hope my story may encourage other women to consider becoming a donor.

I had my first donor cycle approx. 6 years ago & it ended with not enough eggs to proceed with collection (when the eggs are ready to be taken). I don’t wish to go into details but this worked out for the best. It took me a long time to get over & I put the whole thing in the back of my mind. Fast forward to early 2015. A celebrity went public with her pregnancy that was achieved with the help of an egg donor. It got me thinking & I felt like my first experience was unfinished business, I wanted to give it one more go. I discussed it with my husband & I refreshed my memory with the IVF cycle, and gave myself lots of time to think before I made the decision to find someone who needed eggs. It didn’t take long, there are many women needing egg donors. In fact, if I had waited until my late 30’s or into my 40’s I would have needed an egg donor too. My AMH levels (this is a hormone test that determines how many eggs you have left) are so low for my age my egg Recipients doctor advised against using me for a donor.

This was a big shock for me. I did remember being told during first cycle I needed to finish having my family by the age of 35 or I would have trouble conceiving. On hearing this I was so worried I had made a huge mistake & I was going to let this wonderful couple down. They had already told me I was the last attempt & if using my eggs was unsuccessful than they would accept it and move on with life. They had already been through many cycles & heartbreak.

***“Infertility, what a harsh sounding word this is  
...and heartbreaking when you dream of having a family”***

I was feeling so disappointed after speaking with the doctor that I was not going to be an egg donor after all & felt I had wasted everyone’s time. Despite the advice of the doctor they decided to go ahead with the cycle

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anyway! I had a mixture of excitement & fear. I felt like I had their future on my shoulders, or should I say in my ovaries! If it didn't work, they would never have a baby. I had this nervous worried feeling the entire cycle, constant what ifs would go through my mind. Mrs Recipient would say 'we only need 1 good egg'! This did give me some comfort.... Surely I can do better than just one I thought. So we began, full steam ahead.

Day of egg collection came so fast. The nerves were a great distraction ahead of the procedure, I was more worried about how many than what was about to happen. I think I was in and out in less than 20 minutes. 8 eggs!! Woo Hoo!! 8!! While Mr Doctor was still down the business end and I was under the influence of some lovely medication I asked how many he thought I might produce, he said he thought I would be lucky to get 5. I was absolutely stoked.

I am very proud that right now, my Recipient is 28 weeks pregnant with a very healthy baby girl & 3 little cakes frozen if they wish to expand their family. I am a known donor, we will keep in touch and see each other a few times a year. When my children are old enough to understand I will proudly tell them what I did & they will know that there is a person who shares some of the same genetic makeup that they have. I hope what I have done will inspire to do kind things for other's too.

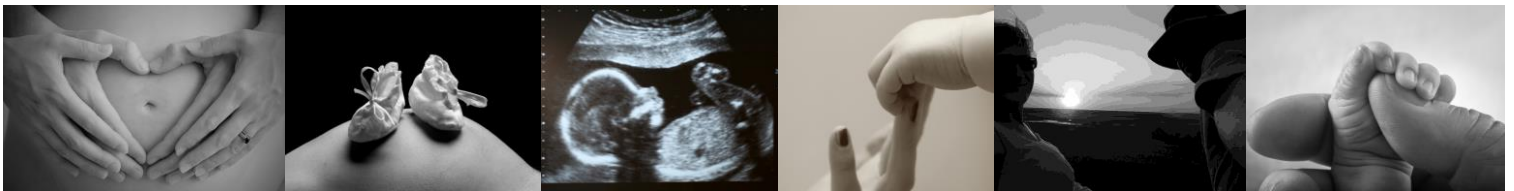
I wish that there was more awareness of infertility to women who want to have children so if they need too, they can freeze their own eggs if they want too. Trust me the ages of women sitting in the IVF clinics are not just women in their 40's. I saw many women in their 20's & 30's in the clinics too. Infertility can affect anyone.

Haley Snape 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The gorgeous Haley met her recent recipients on my website that I created many years ago in the hope that I can help others find their Egg Donor Angel xox. [www.eggdonorangels.com.au](http://www.eggdonorangels.com.au).

To date I have helped many recipients achieve their dream of a family all during my own infertility struggle, egg donor cycles, breast cancer and major complications, but now we are pregnant at 30 weeks with our little one with the help of a wonderful Egg Donor Angel from South Africa.

*The revelation for me was that lots of women would consider helping if they knew they were needed and could help.*



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