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We are proud to present to you:

**Kara &
Kyle**

Below please find a summary of the information we have collected about this lovely Intended Parents. Once you have reviewed this summary, please contact us to share your thoughts, questions, concerns or desire to continue forward with this potential match.



PERSONAL DETAILS	
Age:	36 & 36
Relationship Status:	Married
IP Sexual Status:	Heterosexual Couple
State/Territory/Region:	Florida
Country:	United States
Intended Parent 1 Occupation:	Stay at home mom
Intended Parent 2 Occupation:	Operations and Finance Manager



EMBRYO DETAILS

Will you be using your own eggs?	Intended Mother's Eggs
Number of Frozen Embryos:	2 (1 euploid and 1 segmental aneuploid)
Name of IVF Clinic:	The IVF Center

Dear Potential Surrogate,

We are Kara Blakley-McClain and Kyle McClain of Tampa, Florida, both age 36. We were married (at the zoo!) in November 2021, after two years of dating. Kara moved to Tampa in 2019 for an art consulting job and met Kyle, a long-time employee of this company, an artwork manufacturer. Although the job wasn't right for Kara, the relationship was, and we have been together ever since. Our sweet little boy, Felix, was born in November 2022, and we also have two maltese dogs, Violet and Junie, who we absolutely spoil and adore.

Kara is originally from Dayton, Ohio, and as a first-generation college student, she graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. After graduation, she taught English in China, completed a Master's degree in Intercultural Humanities in Germany, and went on to earn a PhD in Art History & Theory from the University of Melbourne in Australia in 2018. Before welcoming our son, Kara was a freelance magazine writer. Currently, her professional focus is to finish her novel, which is set in 1870s Hawaii. Most importantly, she is also home full-time with our toddler and very grateful to have this time with him. Besides writing and toddler-wrangling, Kara is passionate about animals, art, yoga, and experimenting with new vegetarian recipes. She also believes in giving back to the community, and she led and organized relief efforts when her hometown was decimated by an EF4 tornado in the spring of 2019.

Kyle is a Tampa native, and he graduated from Florida State University with majors in economics, finance, and management. He has been with the same company for nearly thirteen years in various capacities, and is currently the manager of pricing and also manager of productivity. Outside of work, Kyle took up long-distance running and he has finished a marathon on all seven continents. He has also completed most of the Majors. Kyle and Kara first bonded over their mutual love of travel, and Felix's nursery is decorated with an "It's a Small World" theme. Kyle also enjoys listening to podcasts and music, and he plays a few instruments, too.

As a couple, we value our family time, which includes our son, dogs, extended family, and friends. We like to make sure we're spending quality time with Felix, the girls (our dogs), and with each other. We have annual passes to Disney World, which has been a fun escape during Kara's long recovery.

This 'long recovery' is what brings us to surrogacy. We both always knew we wanted children, and we were so fortunate that we did not have difficulty conceiving shortly after our wedding. The pregnancy itself was

challenging for Kara, but physically everything went well up until delivery. Kara had been under the care of a team of midwives who were to attend and facilitate a home birth. At 41 weeks and 6 days, Kara finally went into labor. The day was frenzied and chaotic—nothing like the peaceful entry into the world she had envisioned for her little mellow mushroom, Felix—and the midwife left as Kara transitioned to active labor. The midwife sent an inexperienced stranger to the house, who mismanaged the rest of the labor and eventual delivery. Kara ended up with 5-6 significant tears, pelvic organ prolapses, and a host of other injuries. She has now had two reconstruction surgeries, and over a year of physical therapy. While she has made improvements, her specialists have strongly advised against carrying another pregnancy. Felix spent three days in the NICU for monitoring, but thankfully he has thrived ever since. We have been around pregnancy and infant loss, so it is not lost on us how lucky we are to have a healthy and happy little boy.

However, we knew we were never going to be a “one and done” family. Our hearts are set on adding another baby into our family, and we’re eager for Felix to become a big brother. Although Kara initially grieved not being able to carry our next child, working with a surrogate just feels ‘right’ and it’s something we’re excited to experience. Of course we feel nervous and vulnerable, too, but that’s part of every family-building journey.

We hope we can be supportive and involved IPs. A transactional relationship doesn’t sit well with us because we see you as an incredibly important part of our next child’s origin story and member of Team Baby McClain. Kara got to experience pregnancy and so many of the challenges and excitement that it can bring, so we would like to use our experience to empathize with you and share in the tough days and the joyous days. We would like to maintain regular communication, and we can figure out what makes sense for all involved. We can find the right balance of casual texts and scheduled FaceTime calls, not only so we can participate in the pregnancy, but so we can get to know you and your family, too. Kara would like to attend the 20-week scan and, depending on geography, perhaps a few other appointments. We would both like to be there for the birth; however, we are completely fine staying up by you or behind a curtain for the actual delivery. Pregnancy, birth, IVF...they can all be very dehumanizing experiences so we want to make sure you feel like you have your dignity throughout the journey.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our story and to consider us as your IPs. Whether or not we are a match, thank you for becoming a surrogate. You are giving a family a gift like no other. We hope we have addressed some of your questions about ourselves and our path to surrogacy, and we hope to meet you soon!



GENERAL QUESTIONS

How many embryos do you want to transfer?	2
Open to a Twin Pregnancy?	Yes, twins are our preference
Open to a Triplet Pregnancy?	Okay, but prefer to avoid a triplet pregnancy
Thoughts on Termination?	If my surrogate's life is in danger., The baby is declared not compatible with life., The baby has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition. We would like the option to interrupt the pregnancy if needed
Preference regarding place of delivery	I want my surrogate to deliver at a hospital.

Would you like to be present at the birth?	Yes, if permitted and taking into consideration Covid-19 restrictions and hospital/birth center regulations
Will you be doing simultaneous journeys?	No
What relationship do you envision having with your surrogate?	We hope we can have a close and friendly relationship with our surrogate. We would like to have an open and communicative relationship throughout the journey. We would like to be in touch at least once a week, but we can discuss what makes sense in terms of text, video, etc., at various stages of the journey.
What contact do you envision having after the journey?	We would welcome a long-term friendship that develops organically! In that case, we would be thrilled to have an ongoing relationship that feels natural, even if just the occasional text update or holiday card. If for some reason that has not come to fruition, we would respect if a surrogate is not looking to maintain those ties. However, we will be transparent about our child's birth story from day one, and the surrogate will always be a very special part of that story.



To watch a short video for Kara and Kyle please click here:

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Thank you for considering helping Kara and Kyle. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.