

April Newsletter

# **CONCEPTUAL OPTIONS NEWS**

### **April Fun Facts!**

- 1. This year Easter and April Fool's Day are the same day;
- 2. The flower for the month of April is the Daisy or Sweet Pea;
- 3. April 1, 1979 Nickelodeon was first launched;
- 4. April's birthstone is diamond;
- 5. April 22 is Earth Day;
- 6. April 18, 1983 the Disney channel was first launched;
- 7. April 7 No housework day!

## **Upcoming MANDATORY Support Groups**

In-Person Support Groups Temecula In-Person Support Group Wednesday 4/11/2018 @ 6:00 pm Location: Quality Inn Temecula Valley Wine Country This is an optional pot luck group.



**Poway In-Person Support Group Afternoon** Thursday 4/19/2018 @ 12:30 pm Location: Conceptual Options' Poway Office

**Poway In-Person Support Group Evening** Thursday 4/19/2018 @ 5:30 pm Location: Conceptual Options' Poway Office **This is an optional pot luck group.** 

#### **Tele-Support Groups**

Group A - Wednesday 4/11/2018 @ 10:00 am Group B - Wednesday 4/11/2018 @ 12:30 pm Group C - Tuesday 4/17/2018 @ 5:30 pm Group D - Tuesday 4/17/2018 @ 6:30 pm Make-Up - Thursday 4/20/2018 @ 12:00 pm





### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 02** Surrogate Monthly Social

**April 11** Temecula In-Person Support Group

April 11 Group A & Group B Tele-Support Group April 19

Poway In-Person Support Groups

**April 17** Group C & Group D Tele-Support Group

**April 20** Make-up Tele-Support Group

Congratulations to our Surrogates who gave birth in February & March

### February

Crystal Jessica Rosa Christi Marisa

March

Rosa Marissa

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram for up to date IVF, pregnancy, & delivery updates!



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Jessica

I could not imagine not being a mother. The feeling you get watching your children grow, seeing their face when they learn something new and enjoying the love they give, is the most wonderful gift I have ever been given. Couples struggle every day to be able to create the family they want and I couldn't wait to be the person that helps one couple end the battle.

I was first introduced to surrogacy by my husband's coworker. His wife was a surrogate for Conceptual Options. After first hearing about surrogacy, I wasn't sure I would do it but I knew it was something I wanted to think about. I had to consider a lot of factors. How would this affect my children, how would this affect my day to day life, and how would this affect my marriage. My husband was very supportive of me when I decided to look into surrogacy and even more supportive when I decided this was something we had to do. I could not have done this without him.

I reached out to Conceptual Options to have them call me with information regarding becoming a surrogate. Making the decision to get information was easy. Answering the call from Conceptual Options to have the information provided to me was much harder. I was so nervous that I didn't answer the call until the 3rd call. I can't thank them enough for your patience and for calling me so many times. I may not have had the amazing experience I had if they hadn't been persistent.

I feel like Conceptual Options could have not have matched me with better intended parents. They showed me love, kindness, and happiness. I immediately became part of their family and I was more than happy to join. I saw in their eyes the pain I have seen in other couple's eyes when they struggle to have a child of their own. I couldn't wait to ease the pain by giving them the baby they have wanted for so long.

After a long journey, the magical day happened. All the growing pains, kicking, being uncomfortable, and even labor were all worth it. The most rewarding feeling in the world, was giving my intended parents the baby they have dreamed of for over 25 years. Both mother and father shed tears of joy upon seeing her beautiful face. I couldn't have asked for a better experience.

My journey with Conceptual Options has come to an end. My family is being stationed in Japan soon and though I would love to have this experience again, I am looking forward to my family's new adventure in Japan. I am thankful to Conceptual Options for making my family bigger by matching me with my wonderful intended parents and for my case manager, Melanie, who was there for me every step of the way. Everyone at this agency has been truly amazing. Thank you.



