

I write this testimonial as a husband currently embarked on a fertility journey with a loving wife. We have been hoping to add a final piece to an already wonderful family of 2 (3 if you count the cat) but have been unsuccessful thus far after 3 years of trying. Until recently, we had only engaged fertility experts in a consultative manner, and while expenses occurred in these initial phases, it was not until we began IUI treatment that costs really began to mount. If being unsuccessful for 3 years (in a free model) isn't painful enough, the disappointment associated with recurring failure (in a pay-to-play model) is only exacerbated when one is solely responsible for the financial burden associated with the experience...

Our only goal is to raise a responsible, loving, caring member of society – one who will make the world better for both our family, as well as those around him/her/he/she/they/them/we. We live in a society where the lifeblood of a stable economy is that of responsible tax-paying citizens. Yet, those like my wife and I who are willing to support the growth of this vital segment are left to our own devices if unable to do so naturally. Those that are able to contribute positive reinforcements to the collective whole should be empowered to do so yet nothing is done.

Our journey has been difficult, and success will be achieved – by the grace of God or through the magic of science. We are fortunate enough to be able to afford this journey. Others are not.

Ryan Graven: in support of fertility assistance and protection for all.

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