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**Together with The Surrogacy Experience, Gestational Surrogates Make Dreams Come True**

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On November 1, Renee Richards gave birth to two healthy babies, neither of which were hers. As a first-time gestational carrier for [The Surrogacy Experience](#) (TSE), pregnancy, childbirth and babies have always been Renee's passion. A birth doula, lactation counselor and 3D ultrasound technician, she has been channeling her passion professionally for a while now, and over two years ago she took it to another level and decided to pursue her dream of becoming a gestational surrogate.

Renee was always fascinated by surrogacy since her younger sister was conceived via IVF. After experiencing the joys of parenthood with her six and four-year-old daughters, she realized that surrogacy was indeed her calling. She began researching agencies, but nothing felt right until she discovered TSE, a boutique agency based in Red Bank, NJ. She was touched by the story of TSE's Founder [Blair Sullivan Cuje](#) and once she met [Tina Dettlaff](#), TSE's Director of Client Relations, everything fell into place. To this day, Renee reaches out to support other [TSE surrogates](#) and appreciates the tight-knit community that is surrogacy.

Critical medical issues first introduced Blair to the world of surrogacy, ultimately leading to the healthy birth of her second daughter, Chloe, in 2009. Chloe was carried by Tina, who then went on in 2012 to deliver twins for another family. With the combination of a mother who had a child born via surrogacy and a two-time surrogate mother positioned at the helm, time and time again TSE continues to stand out to other carriers like Renee. With its unique and innovative model based on personal experience, TSE knows no other way to care for clients than with compassion, understanding and priceless first-hand knowledge.

"My goal in creating The Surrogacy Experience was simple: I wanted to help intended parents on their journey to fulfill their family dream," said Blair. "I wanted to help make the decision that works best for each person and provide the personalized experience they deserve. I understand firsthand how critical finding the right gestational carrier is to making those dreams come true, as well as the need for support throughout the process. While we each have a story that is unique, we are united in that most universal desire for family."

Having completed two surrogacy journeys of her own, Tina has the invaluable ability to truly understand the intricacies involved in the surrogacy relationship. Her focus is managing relations between intended parents and carriers by addressing their emotional needs, helping them navigate every step from decision

to post-delivery and field any questions on the medical procedures and legal practices often involved the process.

“What makes us different from other agencies is that our approach to working with gestational surrogates is based on partnership. We seek to form a close relationship with them based on mutual trust and respect. I personally meet with every one of our carriers to get to know them and their family. This enables us to match the surrogate with intended parents that share the same expectations for the surrogacy relationship,” said Tina.

Those relationships almost always develop into cherished lifetime connections for everyone involved, including the baby. Now seven months post-partum, Renee still reflects daily on her journey and the precious bond she has with the family she helped. For her, it was all about creating changing lives for the better.

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