

To whom it may concern:

My wife Josie and I struggled to have children for over 20 years. We pursued adoption and assisted fertility exhaustively. Each effort was met with crushing disappointment.

We made three efforts to adopt babies from mothers in crisis pregnancy who had chosen to give their child life rather than to abort. However, each time the birth mother understandably became so bonded to her child during her pregnancy that she decided to keep her baby rather than to follow through with the adoption.

After our third failure to adopt, and with many failed assisted fertility attempts, we very sadly concluded that we would never have children of our own. Almost immediately after that, a very beloved and trusted friend told us of a medical organization that would allow us to pursue a surrogacy effort where a limited number of eggs would be fertilized and no embryos would be discarded.

This organization subsequently referred us to Dr. Phillip Wertman for one of the most medically and technically challenging components of the overall effort. Where others had failed on multiple occasions, Dr. Wertman succeeded on the very first attempt. Dr. Wertman provided stunning skills along with a personal warmth that has created a profound gratitude in our hearts toward him and a friendship that will last the remainder of our lives.

The results of this effort are personified by two of the most beloved of all children, Joshua Lane Franks and Emily Grace Franks. They are Gifts of God and His greatest of all earthly blessings to us.

There are no words to fully express our gratitude to God and to one Phillip Werthman.

Most Sincerely,

Trent Franks