

Surrogate births growing in popularity

Becca and Steve Goering and Virginia Fetzner are expecting.

Fetzner, a Mundelein mother of two, expects to give birth to a boy at Highland Park Hospital on Jan. 29, and the Goerings, a Chicago couple, expect to bring that baby, their biological son, home.

Such a scenario is becoming more common in Illinois, which is considered one of the most pro-surrogate states in the country, experts say.

"A growing demand for surrogates and egg donors? Oh, my God. Yes. Yes. And yes," said Shirley Zager, volunteer coordinator for the nonprofit Organization of Parents Through Surrogacy and founder of Parenting Partners, a surrogacy agency in Gurnee.

Zager, who had her daughter 26 years ago through a traditional surrogate — who was also the egg donor — said the number of inquiries to the organization has at least quadrupled over the last five to eight years as people have become more aware of surrogacy options.

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