

Dear Dr. Laurence Jacobs,

I wanted to send you this testimonial to share with your other patients. Hopefully my story will help some of the women who are going through the same things that I went through.

When I was 35 my husband and I decided it was the right time to have children. We had a home, and were ready financially. Never in my dreams did I think that we would have trouble conceiving. The first month I ran to the bathroom in the morning to do the home pregnancy test only to see "one line." I went back into the bedroom as my eyes watered. I told my husband that I was mad at my uterus. He told me that it was only the first month and not to worry. I went out and bought all of the ovulation predictor kits, thermometer, and pregnancy tests. As a few more months went by my doctor suggested trying clomid and then doing a blood test to see if I was ovulating. I did this for two months and both months I did not ovulate. I didn't understand how this was possible. She suggested I see a fertility specialist. A fertility specialist that's all I needed! I thought they always told us getting pregnant was easy. She gave me some names, but I decided to do my own research. I found Fertility Centers of Illinois and looked at the bios. I was impressed with Dr. Jacobs's experience, and to be honest he looked like a nice man. That sounds a bit silly now but feeling comfortable was important to me. I met with Dr. Jacobs and felt good about the meeting right away. I was impressed with how he explained everything to me about the process and the options. He was very knowledgeable and confident. It was that confidence that helped me believe that I would get pregnant. He said he was available by phone and email and he lived up to that promise. When I was worried or had questions he would always answer me even though I knew he had many patients. The first three months I tried IUI and each month I got a negative pregnancy test. I learned to hate those little tests and that one red line. I saw Dr. Jacobs and the nurses at the Highland Park and the Buffalo Grove offices. Everyone was so patient and encouraging. I tried month after month to keep a positive attitude. My husband was very supportive and kept telling me that it would happen. After my next meeting with Dr. Jacobs we decided to start IVF. I was nervous about all of the shots and the whole process, but Dr. Jacobs gave me a lot of information about the process. I was very impressed at how careful he was. He did not want to just quickly have me release a lot of eggs and then reduce or have me end up with 6 babies. I started the process and was prepared that the first attempt might not work. We decided to freeze the extra blastocysts. This was the best decision we ever made. The first try we put in two blastocysts and froze the rest. A few that were taken out did not survive. The second try we put in two frozen blastocysts, this time my blood test came back with a 2 which meant I had some HCG, but not enough to be pregnant. I was crushed. I asked my husband, "Will I ever be pregnant?" He said he was sure I would. I called Pam, Dr. Jacobs nurse and talked to her for a long time. She was so supportive through the whole process. She listened to me as I cried and told her I didn't understand why I wasn't pregnant. The third try we decided to use all three of our remaining frozen blastocysts. Dr. Jacobs continued to be very supportive and confident that this would happen for us. The wait after the procedure to do the pregnancy test seemed so long. I had stopped

doing pregnancy tests in the months before because I couldn't stand seeing the "one line" anymore. I would always just wait for the blood test. I always looked for the usual signs that I was pregnant and there weren't any. Then one day I felt a little tired. I got home from work at 3:30 pm and thought why not do a pregnancy test. If it was negative I could always blame it on the fact that it was later in the afternoon when I did the test. I took it and then left the bathroom. I waited and then peeked in with my heart racing. I saw two bright red lines!!!! To make a very long story shorter I was indeed pregnant. I had an excellent pregnancy and Dr. Jacobs and his staff stayed with me, monitoring the pregnancy for the first 12 weeks. Now it has been five months since I gave birth to a perfect, beautiful son and daughter. Yes, I had twins! After all that time two decided to attach. It was meant to be and they are the most wonderful babies I could ever ask for. The whole process was worth it and Dr. Jacobs and his staff made it happen. Fertility Center is not just about medicine and results, but treating the patient as a person who has hopes and dreams. Dr. Jacobs shared in our dreams and made them come true.