



## Granting Financial Help For Infertility Treatments... Fulfilling Dreams... Building Families...



### A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

In 2012, at age 35, I was diagnosed with "early ovarian failure" three months after getting married. We knew then that having a baby would require assisted reproduction. By 2016, we had started saving for an egg donor, but in a moment of desperation, we found the Baby Quest application. We were selected as recipients for an ivf using donor eggs. We transferred two embryos on February 3, 2017, and both "took." At week 20, I was put in the hospital for two weeks on full bedrest. Our two boys, Mark Luis and Skylar John, made their debut on August 14 at 30 weeks – way ahead of schedule. They remained in the NICU for nearly 8 weeks. Today our babies are thriving. They are little, but perfect and growing. Looking back, we cannot imagine our lives without our TWO beautiful boys. Thanks to all the generous people that donate to Baby Quest

Foundation. Without your generosity and giving spirit, Mark Luis and Skylar John would not be here and we can't imagine what life would look like without them in it. - *Mabel and David, May 2016 Grant Recipients*

### WATCH ONE MORE SHOT

Maya and Noah (Baby Quest recipients), documented their many attempts to make a baby through Alternative Reproductive Technologies, such as Intrauterine Insemination (IUI), In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), IVF with donor eggs, and finally embryo donation. Check out [One More Shot](#) - for a personal, heartbreaking, and ultimately uplifting first-person point of view of the journey to conception. Now Available Now on [iTunes](#), [Vimeo](#), [Amazon](#), and [Netflix](#)!



### INTRODUCING 3 of the 9 NOVEMBER 2017 RECIPIENTS



**Ishaq and Porsha** met in 2014 and were married in 2016. Porsha was diagnosed with endometriosis in her late teens and PCOS in 2015. After experiencing two miscarriages, they were referred to a fertility specialist. Many tests, blood draws and operations later, they were diagnosed with unexplained infertility. Ishaq and Porsha tried to conceive naturally for one year with no success. After her 3<sup>rd</sup> laparoscopy, Porsha was told she had stage 4 endometriosis. The likelihood of conceiving on their own was slim to none, making IVF their only option. They began their IVF journey in June of 2017 which was, painfully, unsuccessful. God has blessed them to be able to receive a grant from Baby Quest. They are grateful to be able to take the next step which, prayerfully, will result in a baby!

**Audra and John** met on the red carpet at a television award show they were working, both possessing a background in production. However, it was their love for helping others that drew them together. Now Audra is a therapist employed at UCLA and John is a coach with Special Olympics. They were married in 2016. Having children was their shared dream. After one year of trying naturally and two failed IUI's, Audra needed a laparoscopy to remove a fibroid before IVF. The couple is now ready to move forward with that dream, thanks to the support of Baby Quest and their reproductive endocrinologist, something they were not sure would be possible.



Plagued by over 15 years of not being able to conceive, **Yih Ping and Justin** tried different routes including numerous testing, acupuncture, Chinese herbal remedies and medicine. It was only after a laparoscopic surgery that Yih Ping found out that she has stage IV endometriosis - so severe that one tube was removed and the other was too scarred to allow passage. The couple was told that their only way to conceive would be through IVF. "Having only ivf as an option and not having the financial freedom to proceed, Baby Quest Foundation turned out to be the answer to our prayers." The couple had previously applied twice for a grant but were not selected. Fortunately, their persistence will give them the chance to pursue having a child.

### THANK YOU

**We would like to express our gratitude to the many donors who support our efforts to help build families. Baby Quest's ability to award more grants each year is a direct result of the support we receive from each of you. We sincerely thank you!**