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Dear prospective surrogate,

If you've come to Geoff and Andrew's profile, you're in luck – these guys are awesome! When JA said a reference letter would be helpful for their file, I was delighted to write one.

On matching with them, I knew they were hoping to have a family with two kids. I wanted to be surro-mom for both, but was informed after the first that it was medically not advisable to do another. That's the only reason they're back in the match queue. It was really sad news for all of us, because I really wanted to do it.

But since I'm not able to, I wanted to provide insight into what the one journey was like. From day one, I noticed how friendly and warm they are. They're humble and want to be helpful by thinking of the surrogate's needs as much as their own. They stay on top of things, are organized, and both of them communicate well. (Just look at their profile packet and video – that says it all!) They want to get to know you, but make room to do that in the way that's comfortable for everyone. I'm super practical and tell things like they are, and I'm pretty sure they appreciated that. They were really sweet with our own kids, which showed me what kinds of dads they'd be. And I could see they believed in investing in the long term to build trust, because that goes both ways and makes the journey feel solid. This pregnancy was pretty smooth sailing, though with a hiccup in the delivery, and the guys were concerned but calm, which helped everyone stay in the zone. Fortunately, we didn't have a major crisis at any point, but I'm sure they'd be just the kinds of intended parents you want in a real situation.

It's been gratifying to stay in touch through cute videos and photos, and to get a sense of how Ellie, their daughter, is growing and becoming part of the family. We text regularly, and I appreciate how they keep us connected. I think this is now a friendship that will last.

When I step back, I can see how much of a partnership the journey was. Not only did I feel appreciated and cared for, I could see they tried to extend that to my husband and kids, since in a way, we were all on the journey together. And now that I see them with Ellie, it's so clear she's a lucky girl to have such great dads, and definitely deserves a sibling!

I honestly don't have anything but positive things to say. I think it would be so special to help Andrew and Geoff complete their family. Whether you're a first-time surrogate (that was me!), or experienced, I hope you get the privilege of working with them. You won't regret it!

Good luck!!

Bryna

PS: If you think a conversation with me would be helpful, I'm also very willing to connect for a chat. Just reach out to JA to arrange a call!