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Revisiting the Taylor Family of Texas

From Pioneers to Next Generation: The Taylors' Impact on Gay Parenting

In the Hill Country of Texas, in Wimberley just outside Austin, the Taylor family has cultivated a legacy of dedication to building inclusive families. From their fast-paced lives in Los Angeles, where they established and built several bountiful businesses, to relocating to Texas and embracing a family-focused life, the Taylors have consistently demonstrated their commitment to helping gay parents create their dreams of parenthood. Establishing Choice Surrogacy Inc.®, the family-owned and operated business stands as a testament to their enduring passion and expertise, with Trish Taylor and daughter Chloe serving as its compassionate and dynamic faces.

Our Story: Gail & Trish Taylor – Pioneers in Surrogacy

Gail and Trish Taylor's story began in 1991 when they met and knew that building a family would be their top priority. Little did they know that their journey would not only lead them to create their own family but also to assist thousands of others in starting their own family journeys. Trish desired a biological connection but did not want to become pregnant at the time. With the generous offer of a donor from Trish's brother, Gail and Trish embarked on their path to parenthood.

Their first success came through artificial insemination, with Gail carrying their daughter, Chloe, and later their son, Junah, both born via artificial insemination using an anonymous donor, with Gail again giving birth. In 2002, Trish expanded their journey by becoming a surrogate herself, delivering a healthy baby boy for a couple in New York. As proud gay parents and now grandparents, Gail and Trish have founded three groundbreaking corporations that continue to thrive in the surrogacy industry today.

Breaking Barriers in the Surrogacy Industry

Before co-founding their own agency, Gail worked at a leading surrogacy and egg donation agency that played a crucial role in establishing some of the original surrogacy laws in California. During her tenure, Gail witnessed the surrogate industry's limited acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community. Many gay male friends faced severe challenges in adopting children and were often blocked by surrogacy and egg donation agen-



The Taylor family, left to right, Junah, Trish, Chloe, and Gail.

cies. These experiences fueled Gail and Trish's determination to advocate for the rights of gay men to create their own families through surrogacy, laying the groundwork for today's widespread acceptance and practice of surrogacy and egg donation in the gay community.

Founding a Surrogacy Agency

In 1995, Gail and Trish co-founded Growing Generations, one of the first surrogacy agencies dedicated to providing surrogacy services for the gay community worldwide. Under Gail's leadership as president, the firm became a leading global surrogacy agency, facilitating thousands of gay families in achieving their dreams of having a biological connection to their children.

Advancing Surrogacy and Insurance Needs

Understanding the financial and logistical challenges of surrogacy, Trish was inspired to create a groundbreaking insurance company. Her 20-year dedication as a Lloyd's of London Coverholder and surplus lines insurance broker



Gail (left) and Trish.

revolutionized how surrogacy, egg donation, and infertility treatments are covered through insurance programs today. Trish's expertise ensured that financial barriers were minimized, making the path to parenthood more accessible for many families.

**Expanding Horizons:
Choice Surrogacy Inc.®**

In 2013, recognizing that the surrogacy industry was not progressing as envisioned, Trish founded Choice Surrogacy Inc.®. committed to her foundational principles of integrity and personalized care. Trish aimed to put the heart back into surrogacy by de-commoditizing the industry, focusing on human needs over business needs. Choice Surrogacy introduced all-inclusive streamlined financial programs, innovative compensation for surrogates, and personalized attention for both intended parents and surrogates throughout the surrogacy process.



The Taylor family when GPM first featured them in 2016, left to right, Gail, Junah, Trish, and Chloe.

Chloe Clontz: The Heart of Choice Surrogacy

Chloe joined Choice Surrogacy in 2019. As Program Manager, Chloe has been instrumental in the agency's success. Her role involves providing surrogate support, coordinating logistics, and acting as a liaison for all aspects of the surrogacy process. Chloe's compassionate nature and exceptional organizational skills ensure that each surrogacy journey is handled with the utmost care and attention. She is the "eyes and ears" of Choice Surrogacy. Chloe is married to her husband Tyler and together have three children, Elton, Quinn and Graham.

**Junah Taylor:
Bridging Creativity and Strategy**

Junah, a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles, is set to graduate in May with an Economics major /minor in Media Arts and Culture. Balancing his studies with his role as Advertising Assistant at Choice Surrogacy, Junah brings creativity and strategic thinking to

the agency. His work expands Choice's reach through innovative marketing strategies, ensuring that more families can benefit from their services.

**Personalized Compassionate Care
at Choice Surrogacy**

Trish and Chloe have chosen to remain a small, family-owned and operated company dedicated to providing expert guidance. In an industry that has burgeoned into big business, Choice Surrogacy stands out by offering hands-on professional care that is unique and intimate. Choice strives to provide excellent care while keeping the process



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A Decade Later: The Next Generation

A decade after founding Choice Surrogacy, the Taylor family welcomed the next generation into their flourishing business. Chloe Taylor (Clontz) and Junah Taylor, now adults, have seamlessly integrated into the fabric of Choice Surrogacy, bringing fresh perspectives and new energy to the agency. Growing up in a household where surrogacy was a regular topic of conversation, Chloe and Junah developed a deep understanding and empathy for both intended parents and surrogates, uniquely positioning them to contribute meaningfully to the agency's mission.

affordable for parents through their agency-assured financial programs, ensuring financial peace of mind. Additionally, they honor the invaluable contributions that surrogates make by offering generous compensation packages.

Expanding the Family: Embracing Grandchildren

The addition of grandchildren has been amazing. Gail Taylor retired from the surrogacy world in 2008 to focus on family, their hill country horse ranch, and now three grandchildren. "The ranch is a sanctuary to our family. We share the ranch with horses, barn cats, our standard poodles and Great Dane, and a large flock of wild turkeys". Gail loves that she went from being called "Mama Gail" to "Mimi" and Trish cherishing graduating from "Ta" to "Tee Tah". The grandkids' favorite ranch activity is driving tractor on the lap of Tee Tah.

Chloe and her husband Tyler are homeschooling their children, integrating ranch life into their educational journey. The ranch offers, hands-on learning environment where children can explore, learn, and grow amidst the beauty of the outdoors.

Living as Visible Advocates

For the Taylors, advocacy has always been about visibility and living authentically. They believe that the best way to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community is to live openly and proudly, representing their family just like any other family in the neighborhood. This approach has been their most effective form of advocacy, fostering acceptance and understanding within their community. From big city life to small town Texas the Taylors continue to stand for equality and were a contributing entity to the City of Wimberley annual Pride Month Proclamation. Wimberley is a Texas town of population less than

3,000 people. The city now stands for inclusion, true unity and promotes dignity and equality for all LGBTQ+ people in our community.

Over the past 30 years, the Taylors have helped create thousands of gay families, one child, family, and community at a time, residing all over the world. Their biggest accomplishment lies in the daily moments shared with their children and grandchildren. By living their lives authentically, the Taylors demonstrate the beauty and strength of diverse families, inspiring others to embrace their own journeys to parenthood.



Chloe (seated) holding Graham. Her husband Tyler Clontz is standing behind Quinn (right) and Elton is on the far left.

Trish holding Graham.



Supporting Gestational Surrogates with Compassion

Central to Choice Surrogacy's mission is the unwavering respect and support provided to gestational surrogates. The Taylor family views surrogates as essential partners in the journey to parenthood, deserving of comprehensive care and consideration. Chloe, as Program Manager, plays a crucial role in this aspect, ensuring that surrogates receive medical coordination, legal guidance, and emotional support throughout the process.

Choice Surrogacy's robust support system empowers surrogates to navigate the surrogacy journey with confidence and comfort. By fostering strong, respectful relationships, the Taylors ensure that every surrogate feels valued and heard. This dedication not only enhances the overall ex-

perience for surrogates but also contributes to the renowned high success rates at Choice Surrogacy.

Pioneering Parenthood for Gay Men

The Taylor family's pioneering efforts have significantly advanced the possibilities for gay men to become parents through surrogacy. Choice Surrogacy leverages its extensive network and deep expertise to simplify the often complex and daunting surrogacy process. Through personalized matchmaking between intended parents and surrogates, coupled with comprehensive legal support, Choice Surrogacy makes surrogacy more accessible and achievable for gay couples.

Innovation is at the heart of what the Taylors do. From developing specialized financial programs to providing tailored support services, Choice Surrogacy is dedicated to removing barriers and empowering gay men to realize their dreams of fatherhood. These initiatives have enabled countless gay men to build diverse and loving families, setting new standards for inclusivity and support in the surrogacy industry.

Surrogacy is an Adventure

Surrogacy is truly a miraculous process that continues to amaze Trish with new adventures every day. Just two months ago, Choice celebrated the successful journey of a gay couple who became parents to twin boys, thanks to a lesbian couple who served as their surrogate. They lived nearby each other and were actively involved in every step of the process, making it a delightful, successful, experience for everyone. Additionally, Choice recently had a surrogate deliver a surrogacy baby, following in her mother's footsteps, who was also a surrogate two times in the past when Gail was involved in surrogacy over twenty years ago. Talk about a legacy! "Surrogacy is an incredible journey to be a part of, and I love witnessing new generations of both parents and surrogates reaping the benefits, says Trish."



Left to right, Junah, Chloe, Trish, and Gail.

Looking Ahead: Expanding the Family Legacy

As the Taylor family looks to the future, with Chloe and Junah now actively contributing to the mission, they remain steadfast in their mission to empower more families to achieve their dreams of parenthood. Their story is not just one of business success, but of profound personal dedication to the creation of loving, diverse families

around the world. The legacy of Gail, Trish, Chloe, and Junah Taylor serves as an inspiration for future generations to embrace inclusivity and support in every family journey.

For more information about Choice Surrogacy visit www.choicesurrogacy.com.



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