

In 2006 my husband I became the parents of twin girls, who were conceived with the aid of donor eggs. We were living in Victoria at the time, and advertised for an egg donor according to the health department guidelines and were fortunate to meet the woman who became our donor. We did several counseling sessions with her at our IVF service, and learnt a bit about her and her family.

As our girls grow older, I am relieved that we are able to tell them a little about their donor, including what she looks like, how many children she has and what sort of work she does. We are members of the Donor Conception Support Group, who send out helpful articles about the issues surrounding donor conception. The more I read, the more I realize just how important it is for donor-conceived children and adults to have access to information about their genetic origins. I think the best way forward is to make that information available to all such children/adults, especially prospectively, and whenever possible retrospectively.