

IN THE WINTER 2019 AND SPRING 2020, OUR RESEARCH TEAM MET 32 TEENAGERS CONCEIVED BY SPERM DONATION, IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW THEY MAKE SENSE OF THEIR MODE OF CONCEPTION AND THEIR FAMILY.

WE ASKED THEM ABOUT THE OTHER DONOR CONCEIVED CHILDREN.

Here is WHAT
THEY SAID

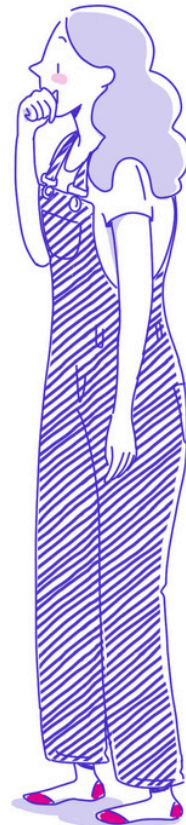
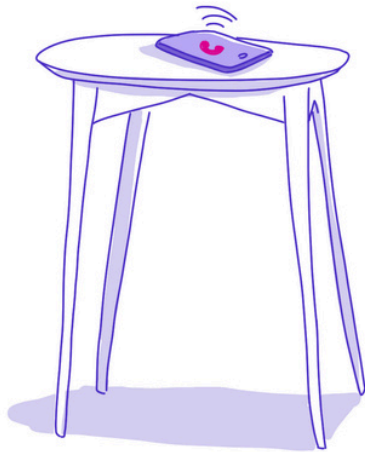


episode 3 - THE DONOR SIBLINGS

NOT ALL DONOR CONCEIVED TEENAGERS FEEL THE SAME ABOUT THEIR DONOR-CONCEIVED SIBLINGS. SOME REALLY WANT TO MEET THEM, OTHERS ARE HESITANT AND OTHERS ARE NOT INTERESTED.

We COULD See EACH OTHER?

Do You WANT To Meet UP?



DO I Really WANT TO MEET THEM?



MEETING PEOPLE CONCEIVED BY THE SAME DONOR CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT IF THEY SHARE PHYSICAL OR PERSONALITY TRAITS.



I FEEL MORE CONNECTED WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN CONCEIVED WITH HIS DONATION BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE LIKE ME: THEY DO NOT KNOW THE DONOR, HE IS NOT THEIR FATHER AND THEY PROBABLY HAVE THE SAME QUESTIONS I HAVE.



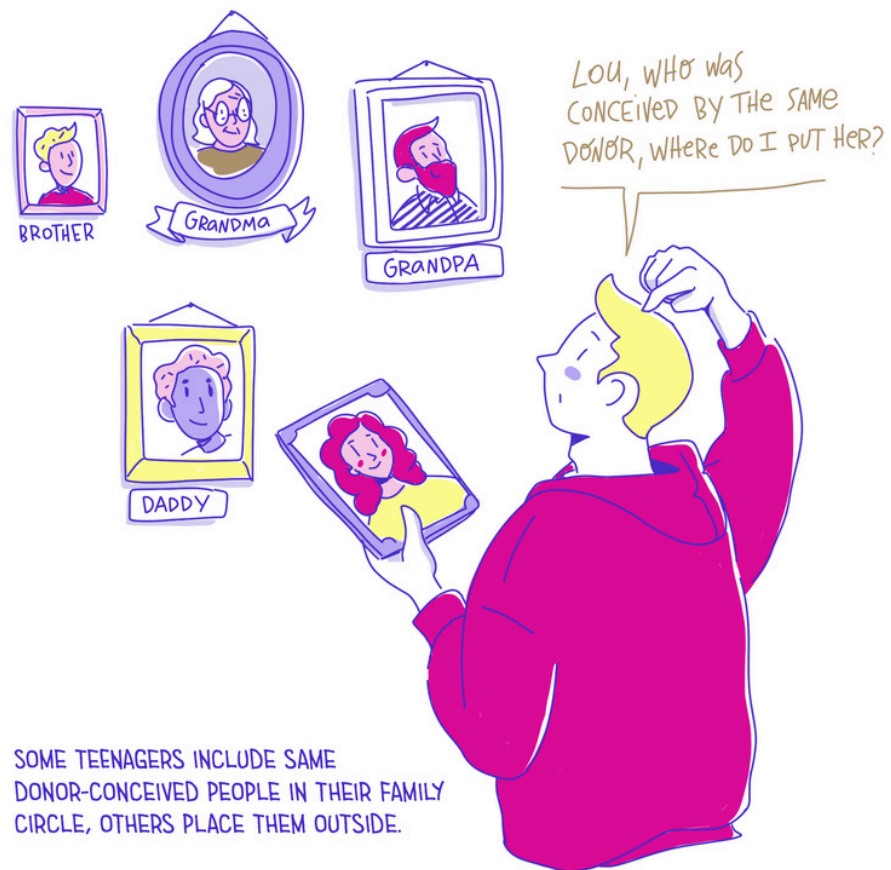
I ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I AM SO HAPPY TO MEET THEM!



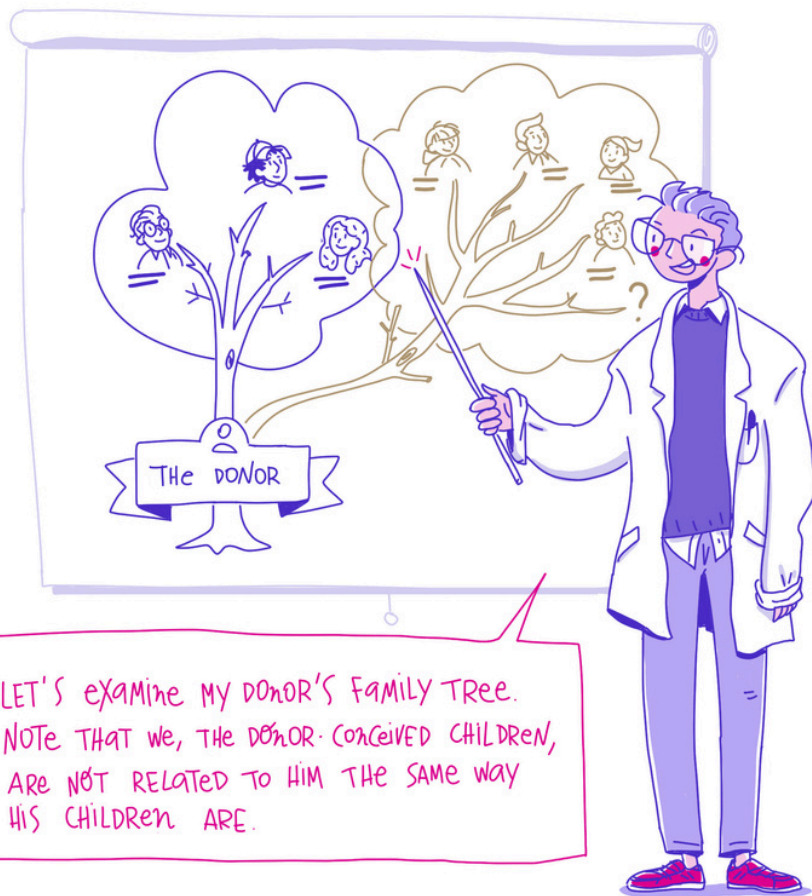
FOR TEENAGERS WHO ARE ONLY CHILDREN, SAME-DONOR CONCEIVED PEOPLE CAN FEEL LIKE THE SIBLINGS THEY NEVER HAD AND THAT THEY SOMETIMES EVEN HOPED FOR.



FINDING THE RIGHT TERM TO REFER TO THESE PEOPLE IS NOT EASY. MANY TEENAGERS WONDER WHAT WORD TO USE.



SOME TEENAGERS INCLUDE SOME DONOR-CONCEIVED PEOPLE IN THEIR FAMILY CIRCLE, OTHERS PLACE THEM OUTSIDE.



IN SHORT, TEENAGERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DONOR'S CHILDREN AND THE DONOR-CONCEIVED CHILDREN, EVEN IF IN BOTH CASES, THEY SHARE HALF OF THEIR GENETIC MAKE-UP. THESE TEENAGERS FEEL CLOSER TO THE DONOR-CONCEIVED CHILDREN THAN TO HIS CHILDREN. LIKE THEM, THEY ARE DONOR CONCEIVED AND DO NOT LIVE WITH THE DONOR. IN GENERAL, THE TEENAGERS WE MET WANT TO MEET THEIR DONOR SIBLINGS OR AT LEAST KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM.

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