

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 HOW THEY DEFINE THEIR FAMILY.

Here is what
they said



episode 4 - THE OUTLINES OF THE FAMILY



EVERY FAMILY IS DIFFERENT,
WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE DONOR-CONCEIVED.

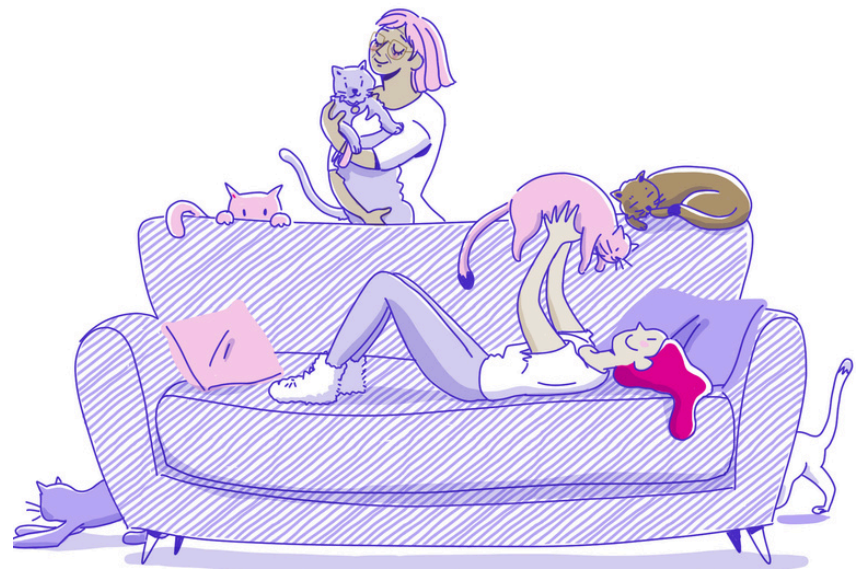
MY FAMILY IS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE OTHERS.
WE ARGUE, WE MAKE UP, WE HAVE UPS AND DOWNS.
YOUR TYPICAL FAMILY!



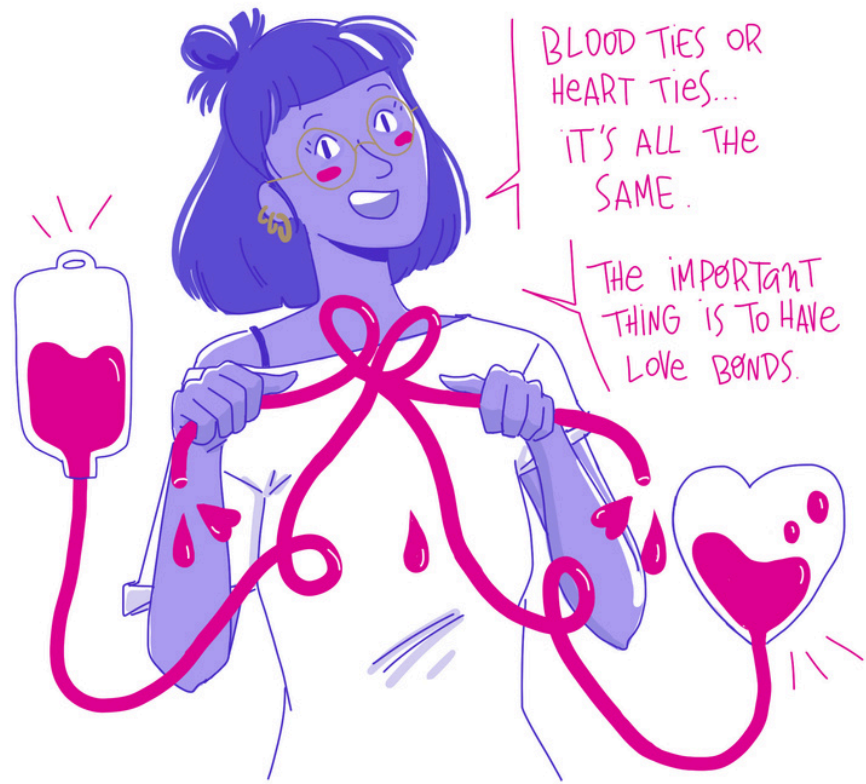
MOST TEENAGERS DON'T SEE THEIR FAMILY
AS BEING DIFFERENT FROM OTHER FAMILIES.



FOR SOME, THEIR FAMILY STANDS OUT BECAUSE
THEY HAVE TWO MOMS, A SINGLE MOM
OR BECAUSE THEY ARE AN ONLY CHILD.



FOR OTHER, WHAT MAKES THEIR FAMILY DIFFERENT HAS NOTHING TO
DO NEITHER WITH THE WAY THEY WERE CONCEIVED, NOR WITH THEIR
FAMILY TYPE, BUT WITH CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS UNIQUE TO THEIR
FAMILY... LIKE HAVING A HOUSE FULL OF CATS!



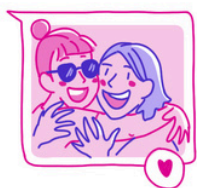
BLOOD TIES OR
HEART TIES...
IT'S ALL THE
SAME.

THE IMPORTANT
THING IS TO HAVE
LOVE BONDS.

BUT FOR EVERYONE, BIOLOGICAL TIES ARE NOT MORE
IMPORTANT THAN EMOTIONAL TIES.

we are
waiting for you!

WHAT WOULD YOU
LIKE TO EAT
FOR DINNER?



My FAMILY IS THE ONE
WHO WATCHES OVER ME
AND TAKES CARE OF ME
ON A DAILY BASIS.



DONOR-CONCEIVED TEENAGERS FIND IT
BURDENSOME TO ALWAYS HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DONOR AND A FATHER.



IN SHORT, TEENAGERS PERCEIVE THEIR
FAMILY AS BEING MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO
LOVE THEM AND WATCH OVER THEM, EVEN
IF THEY DO NOT SHARE BIOLOGICAL TIES.
THE FACT THAT THEIR FAMILY USED A
DONOR DOES NOT DISTINGUISH IT FROM
OTHER FAMILIES.

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