

SPERM DONORS NEEDED TO BECOME HEROES THIS CHRISTMAS

Adelaide men are required to become heroes this Christmas as sperm stocks run low.

As many as 1 in 6 South Australian couples struggle to fall pregnant and achieve their dream of becoming parents. Accessing fertility treatment from clinics such as Repromed enables many to become biological parents of their children. However, some couples will require a generous donation from men to realise their dream of a family unit.

Yet Repromed's General Manager, Dr Hamish Hamilton warns the number of sperm donors in Adelaide is at a critically low level and is asking South Australian men to become silent heroes this Christmas by assisting others in fulfilling their dream of having a child.

"Accessing donated sperm is sometimes the only chance a couple will have to start their family. Becoming a sperm donor doesn't cost anything or have any ongoing financial obligations however this act will have a life long effect for some South Australian families" said Dr Hamilton.

He continues "there are many types of generous donations you can give at Christmas – you can donate money, time or blood, but sperm is such a powerful donation. You are helping to create life."

One such donor, Corey Kirkham has experienced this form of generosity from both sides. As a sperm donor himself, Corey was also conceived from donated sperm through Repromed. Corey explains why he has become a donor, "put very simply, if it wasn't for the generosity and incredibly selfless act of a South Australian man, I wouldn't be here. And I want to give other families the same gift my parents had as well as the opportunity of life to other children.

After the initial screening and health checks, the process of donation is very easy and can be scheduled around my other study and social life commitments. And knowing that I'm able to help give a child to someone or a couple that so desperately want them, is an incredible feeling."

Dr Hamilton comments that Repromed believes there are many healthy, generous South Australian men who are willing and capable of becoming silent heroes for families; it's just that they are not sure of how to go about the process.

"Being a sperm donor is a life creating and life changing gift. Without donors like Corey we would not be able to give some South Australians who turn to us for assistance the chance at starting a family of their own" said Dr Hamilton.

Continuing he says "becoming a donor is quiet simple and straight forward once a man has made the decision. After calling Repromed on (08) 8333 8111 and speaking with one of our New Patient Coordinators, a time is made at our Dulwich clinic for a semen analysis and another time to see one of our doctors to review the results of their tests. Following counselling and paperwork, if they are cleared to donate then all we are asking for is about 6 hours over 6 months which equates to 1 hour per month to give up to 10 South Australian families the life long gift of children."



Become a hero this Christmas for South Australian families by giving the life long gift of a child.

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