## FIRST DONOR EGG BANK PREGNANCY IN TAMPA BAY

Clearwater, FL (September 3, 2013) – The Florida Fertility Institute announces that a major milestone in the field of Advanced Reproductive Technology has been achieved in the Tampa Bay area – the first pregnancy from an Egg Bank.

Families can be built in many ways, and these days, more families are relying on donor eggs to have children. To meet demand, an entire new industry has emerged – Egg Banks. Donor Egg Bank USA was created to assist fertility patients in their dreams of having a baby with the added convenience of a quicker, more affordable treatment process.

Using donor eggs allows women who cannot produce their own viable eggs the opportunity to carry and deliver a child. During the process, eggs are retrieved from a donor, fertilized with a partner's or donor's sperm, and then implanted into the womb of the waiting mother-to-be.

In the past, traditional egg donor methods required first synchronizing the donor's and recipient's menstrual cycles, and then retrieving eggs and transferring fertilized embryos. The necessity for synchronization results in significant time delays and uncertainties. In a traditional cycle, there is no guarantee the donor will pass the screening process as regulated by the Food and Drug Administration or have a successful cycle.

An innovative fast-freezing technology called vitrification has transformed fertility treatment capabilities, making the viability of frozen eggs nearly equal to that of fresh eggs. Today, eggs can be collected, frozen, and banked, making them immediately available to recipients who select them from a donor database. Using frozen eggs allows couples to pursue treatment immediately, without the uncertainties associated with traditional donor egg treatment and at a time convenient to their schedule.

"The ability to offer our patients another option to family building is important" states Mark Sanchez, M.D., Director of IVF. "The use of frozen eggs allows for a wider donor selection".

**Florida Fertility Institute,** with offices in Tampa and Clearwater, is one of the country's leading fertility centers. Florida Fertility Institute has treated countless women with diminished ovarian reserve, whether due to advanced age or premature ovarian aging. For more information: www.thefertilityexperts.com, Karissa ~ 727-669-3402

**Donor Egg Bank USA** is a frozen donor egg program developed through the collaboration of more than 100 of the country's top reproductive specialists. Donor Egg Bank USA offers immediate access to a broad donor egg pool and used advanced freezing technology to produce success rates similar to traditional (fresh) donor egg programs. Using frozen eggs from Donor Egg Bank USA requires less time than a fresh

donor egg cycle (1-2 months versus 3-12 months in a traditional cycle), and is more affordable. Donor Egg Bank USA offers the financial security of a 100% Assured Refund Plan ™ if a couple does not deliver a baby. Donor Egg Bank USA offers frozen egg fertility options to couples nationally and across the globe. For more information: HYPERLINK "http://www.donoreggbankusa.com" www.donoreggbankusa.com 855-344-2265