



World's First Test-Tube Baby Meets America's First Test-Tube Baby

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IVF Babies Unite Together on MRSi Stage

CHICAGO, IL, June 16, 2017 — The [Midwest Reproductive Symposium international](#) (MRSi), a world-renowned Symposium dedicated to the life and science of fertility, is proud to announce the World's first and America's first IVF babies are to meet for the first-time ever, Friday, June 16, 2017 at MRSi 2017. Join us as we chat with them and celebrate their upcoming birthdays together!

When Louise Brown was born in Bristol, England, so was In-Vitro Fertilization. Three years later, America would also have its first test-tube baby, Elizabeth Carr. The conception of these children would go on to be the beginning of millions and millions of IVF procedures and babies, world-wide.

"The people involved in my birth were true pioneers. My story wouldn't exist without them."

Louise Brown

Louise Joy Brown, born July 25, 1978 at 11:47pm by cesarean section, was the first person ever to be born by science, rather than nature. This event, created shockwaves for politicians, medical professionals and the church, and also paved the way for millions of childless couples to have hope that their infertility problems were solved. Although Louise's parents were adamant about staying out of the media, they also knew they could not have a child the natural way and were therefore thrust into the limelight in order to achieve their dream of having children. Louise's mum, Lesley, co-authored a portion of Louise's book, *"My Life as the World's First Test-Tube Baby"* with journalist Martin Powell before her death in 2012. In Louise's book she states, "It occurred to me that I now have a role to play following the deaths of all of the people that brought me into the world." Her book certainly keeps their memory alive. Louise will be signing and selling her book that will be sold at the Midwest Reproductive Symposium international, with proceeds going to charity. The meeting will be held on June 15-17, 2017 at *The Drake Hotel* in Chicago, Illinois.

December 28, 1981 was America's chance to join the world in solving the fertility issues of many infertile couples. Elizabeth Jordan Carr was born at 7:46 am, by cesarean section at a hospital in Virginia. Her mother, and doctors, assuming the media would be as crazed at it was years earlier in Europe, checked in to the hospital under an assumed name. Raising Little Elizabeth under a sea of celebrity was not easy and eventually, uncomfortable of the media attention, Elizabeth changed her name. With a few years of peace and quiet under their belt and then naturally conceiving their own child, they decided to tell her story. Being a journalist and following the same beliefs she was raised with as a child, she wanted to help others with infertility issues, writing and publishing several articles about her life and journey as an adult.

Today, just shy of 40 years after the miracle and scientific breakthrough of In-Vitro Fertilization, we continue to strive for better technology and the relentless pursuit of excellent patient care. For millions of infertile patients, this means the difference between no children and the joy of life with a family.

"We couldn't be more excited about this year's program and special guests. I was so pleased to have met Louise Brown, in England, and Elizabeth Carr, in Boston. They have accepted our invitation to join us in Chicago we are ecstatic that they are attending, which will inspire and humble us all."

Dr. Angie Beltsos

CEO & Medical Director

Vios Fertility Institute Chicago and Executive Chairperson, Midwest Reproductive Symposium international (MRSi)



About The Midwest Reproductive Symposium international

Established in 2005, Dr. Angeline Beltsos, MD, FACOG, started the The Midwest Reproductive Symposium international (MRSi), which is located in Chicago, Illinois. The Symposium is dedicated to advancing the education of hundreds of nurses, doctors and other professionals in the world of reproductive health. The MRSi Symposium encourages attendees to share best practices and discuss topics relevant to reproductive medicine enabling all to provide patients with the highest outcomes.

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