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When Angie Ramos was pregnant with Joe and Sara Shacter's twins, people bombarded her and her husband, Felix, with questions.

"Surrogacy is a tricky topic," Angie said. "It's not done a lot, so when it's talked about, you have all these questions."

That's fine with Angie and Felix. They want the public to become more familiar with the process, and to understand that a successful surrogacy takes more than just a woman.

"Most articles and most programs are only on the women's perspective," Felix said. "You get a little snippet of the husband sitting there in the background, with a smile on his face, nodding yes."

"I think it's good to do something on male perspective," Angie agreed. "I think next should be what the kids think about it."

After all, their kids were plenty involved during that time. Son Nico would give Angie her fertility shots. The whole family made sacrifices while Angie was waddling around during the last months. "It takes away from doing things," Angie explained.

But to hear them tell it, those sacrifices were worth it. For the Ramoses, surrogacy took their whole family, but it came with a related bonus: Joe, Sara, Benji and Jason.

"We have gained a new family," Angie said.