



Sperm-Donor Sisters Finally Meet

Both Love Chinese Food and C.S.I.

April 13, 2006 — - Kelli Dail and Liz Reynolds are half-sisters, but they've never laid eyes on each other until they met for the first time on "Good Morning America."

Dail and Reynolds are related through their sperm-donor dad, and they discovered each other only recently through the Donor Sibling Registry, a Web site that lets children of sperm donors post listings and search for relatives.

Dail posted a listing that included the name of the sperm bank her mother used and the number that was assigned to her donor. Reynolds saw the listing e-mailed her. She says that when she first read Dail's post, she cried.

"I was with my boyfriend at his dorm and I was in shock," said Reynolds, a 20-year-old sophomore criminal justice major in Cedarville University in Springfield, Ohio.

When Dail, a 21-year-old sophomore biology major at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colo., got Reynolds's e-mail, she cried, too. She was at work and told her boss that she had to take the rest of the day off.

"I think for Kelli, especially being an only child and not having any more of an extended family than she has, I think it fills a big gap for her," said Terri Dail, Kelli's mother.

Reynolds, on the other hand, has an older sister and a father -- whom she thought was her biological father until her mother told her differently four years ago. Her father had a vasectomy that couldn't be reversed, but her mother wanted another child after their son died at age 5, so she used a sperm donor.

So Much in Common

When the half-sisters started talking on the phone, they hit it off right away.

"The first couple of times we talked for an hour each time," Kelli Dail said. "The first time it was finding out basic stupid things that we have in common. We have different favorite colors, but we both like the same kinds of card games and we both like the show 'CSI' and Chinese food."

"And, we have the same personalities," Dail added. "We're both outgoing."

The girls even share a taste in clothing, which Terri Dail pointed out after the girls met on "Good Morning America" and she saw Liz Reynolds.

"The funny thing is Kelli had the same sweater on and I had her change -- the same sweater," Terri Dail said.

Anne Reynolds, Liz's mother, noticed the physical similarities between the girls right away.

"They both have long, thin fingers -- and they didn't get them from their mothers," she said.

Both girls said they aren't looking for their biological father right now. And they're not sure if they would have a relationship with him if they ever did find him.

"I have my father and this is just who gave me life, and I'd like to say thank you, but I wouldn't -- I'm not going to actively search for him," Liz said.

"I would like to know my biological information from that side, you know, medical history," Kelli said. "In case I do have kids, I would like to know."

These days, when women choose their sperm donors, they are presented with all sorts of information, including pictures of the donors as children. But when Terri Dail was choosing her donor, she only received basic information. Dail said that if she had the opportunity to see a picture of the sperm donor now, she'd pass because it doesn't matter if he looks like "Robert Redford or Woody Allen."

"I'm happy with what I got," she said.

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