

# 'Transgender man' gives birth to baby boy in Portland

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Trystan Reese (right), a 34-year-old transgender man in Portland, Oregon, recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy. (Image source: KATU-TV screenshot)

A transgender man and his husband recently welcomed a healthy baby boy into their family in Portland, Oregon.

According to [KATU-TV](#), Trystan Reese, who was born a woman and now identifies as a man, gave birth to a boy, Leo, two weeks ago. It is the first biological child for Reese and his husband, Biff Chaplow. The couple also has two adopted children.

"I would say it's unique," Reese told KATU. "I understand that people are not used to two men having a biological child between the two of them. So we know it's unique."

"The moment he was born was just like a pure moment of bliss, like the happiest moment of my life. To see the very beginning of Leo, of his life, was just like amazing," Chaplow said.

According to KATU, Leo was Reese's first successful pregnancy. Reese had previously had a miscarriage.

Reese began taking testosterone pills nearly a decade ago as he transitioned from woman to man [but said he stopped taking them](#) months prior to becoming pregnant in order to safely carry a child.

“Every doctor that we spoke with said, ‘Absolutely, this is possible; absolutely, this is a safe and healthy medical decision to make.’ We know it’s not traditional, but we hope that people will see that this is just another way how love shows up in the world,” Reese told KATU.

While pregnant, Reese said came up with unique ways “to stave off any negativity” when out in public, given his appearance as a man but obvious pregnancy. Otherwise, Reese said he had a normal pregnancy.

The 34-year-old Oregonian has said [in a popular video posted to his Facebook page](#) that he is OK being a trans-man with woman reproductive organs.

“I think my body is awesome. I feel like it’s a gift to have been born with the body that I did, and I made the necessary changes so that I could keep living in it, both through hormones and through other body modifications,” Reese said.



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