

Terri Holmes



Hi, I'm Terri. I am thrilled that you are taking the time to get to know a little about me. I hope you can tell how excited I am about becoming a mother and how strong my commitment is to open adoption. I cannot imagine how hard this must be for you, but I admire and respect you for considering open adoption.

About Me

You might be wondering why a single woman would want to adopt a child. I have a tremendous desire to become a mother – and have wanted that for a number of years. I absolutely adore and cherish children, but the timing wasn't right while I was married. I would love to remarry, but my first desire is to welcome a child into my arms, and surround him or her with the love that I have saved up inside of me for so long. When I think of parenthood, I look forward to play time in my nearby park, taking walks with a stroller on the bike path, reading stories, and even the

night feedings. Mostly, I dream of holding, cuddling and loving a child. I come from a large family – 5 brothers and sisters, so there are lots of aunts and uncles. I was raised in a small desert town in California, and my father still lives there. I have 13 nephews and nieces that I have spent many hours babysitting and going on family vacations with. All but one of my brothers and sisters live in Southern California, and most live within an hours drive from me.



Part of my large family enjoying brunch together

Contact

Thank you for reading my letter, and considering me as a parent to your baby. Now that you know a little about me, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call me anytime toll-free at home: **1-800-992-1933**. You may also contact the counselors at the Independent Adoption Center at: **1-800-870-OPEN (6736)**. If you are more comfortable using email, my address is: holmest@sbcglobal.net | www.terriholmes.com

Warmest thoughts and best wishes,

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My Home

I live in a lovely three bedroom home with a white picket fence which surrounds my English Garden. I live in Irvine, California, which is just minutes away from the beautiful Southern California beaches. I know all my neighbors and my neighborhood is very quiet and kid friendly. Irvine is known for having some of the best schools in California, and has been voted the safest city in the U.S. My

LiLi & Rocky

I share my home with two kitties, a brother and a sister that I adopted when they were 7 weeks old. Li Li knows how to fetch, so she constantly brings me all the furry toy mice to my feet to throw. Her brother Rocky likes to be brushed and petted day and night. They both are very kind and gentle.



"Crouching Rocky,
Hidden LiLi"

neighborhood has three parks and playgrounds, a gated pool, tennis courts and bike trail that are all just minutes from my door. Most weekends you will find me gardening. Together, we would sow seeds, pick flowers and eat the vegetables we have grown as a family. This year I have all pastel flowers in my front yard (purple, white, pink and blue) and a variety of fruits and vegetables (along with lots of flowers) in my backyard. Holidays with family are important to me – Christmas is my favorite. We will decorate our Noble firs together, and I have special ornaments for a child to hang (Li Li and Rocky like them too!).

Education & Career

I have always worked in the medical field. Caring for people has always been something that I was drawn to. I worked as a nurse for 10 years, and then moved on to the business world. Now I work in the information systems area. In my current position as senior director, I have a lot of freedom in my schedule, which means I can come in late if I need to attend a parent/teacher conference, or leave early to



Part of my English Garden

Surfing at the beach in



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attend soccer practice. I live only 15 minutes away from my job, which will allow maximum time to spend with my child. I plan to take off quite a bit of time when I become a mother, and use my options for flex time to the fullest. Education is important to me, and has provided the foundation I needed to be successful. I want to provide my child with the same opportunities, and plan to take an active role in my child's schooling and extra-curricular activities. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, and a Masters in Business Administration.

Fun & Family

I love to camp and hike with my family. We explore new trails, BBQ, fish, eat s'mores next to the campfire, and star gaze into the night. I love nature and love teaching children about plants, trees, and animals. I also love movies, and to drive down to our trailer on the beach in Baja, Mexico. My brothers and sisters all share this trailer, so it's really a blast when we are all down there.

Camping with my niece Emily



I look forward to hearing from you!