



Mother: Georgia born in Algona, Iowa

Son: Sterling born in Santa Monica, CA, 18 years old, student

Relative's five aunts & uncles and nine cousins who all live around Los Angeles
We celebrate birthdays and holidays together.

Pets: Poodle (non allergenic)

Activities: Swimming pool, basketball half court, bikes and skates, piano, drums, Guitars, art, sculpture and ceramics, gardening, hiking, camping & traveling, movies, Science & Discovery television, computer and video games

We live in the historical part of Los Angeles (West Adams Historical District). It is made up mostly of old turn-of-the-century homes that people have restored. It is the original suburbs of early Los Angeles. Many of the homes belonged to the people who played prominent roles in the history of Los Angeles: industrialist, explorers, inventors, musicians and movie stars. There are various architectural styles like Victorian, Italianate, Mediterranean, Spanish and California Craftsman. We live in a Colonial Spanish house. It has been selected twice for the Annual Holiday Historical Tour. Every half hour, over a two day period, approximately 600 guests came through the house to view the features that were common when it was built. Our bathrooms are featured in a design book called *Bathrooms across America, 2001*.

Our neighborhood is called Wellington Square. It is made up of 210 homes on four very long blocks. We are a very close knit community and the neighbors are friendly and diverse. Our neighborhood is four miles west of the city center and seven miles from the beach communities. The museums, sports parks, zoo and Hollywood all encircle us so that it is only five to ten minute commutes to these places. We are also 15 minutes to the airport, 30 minutes to mountains and 45 minutes to deserts.

We have hosted students from Japan and Germany in the past. It is a great opportunity for us to share our city, our time and our home. Our home is a place where people can

relax and feel comfortable while allowing our guest to enjoy a variety of activities. We have a pool, Jacuzzi, basketball area, piano, drums, guitar and billiards. Malls and theaters are 2 & 4 miles from our house. We are grateful that having a student in our home will be a great learning experience for us as well. We love learning about other cultures and places. We like trying new foods and learning other languages.