



## Why would anyone live in the New Orleans area?

The nation and the world need stewards of the area's abundant natural resources, strategic location, and de facto center for studying and acting upon urgent environmental and social changes affecting the world. The following pages illustrate and invoke this **interdependence**.

## Why do current residents live here?

We cherish **the place, our place, the people, and our people here, and** we know that **the resulting lifestyle and culture could not be recreated or transported elsewhere.**

We are known for enthusiastically welcoming visitors to share this lifestyle and culture. Other residents and I do so again through these pages, as we relate our compelling reasons for carefully weighing and repeatedly accepting the risks of stewardship of this area we call home.



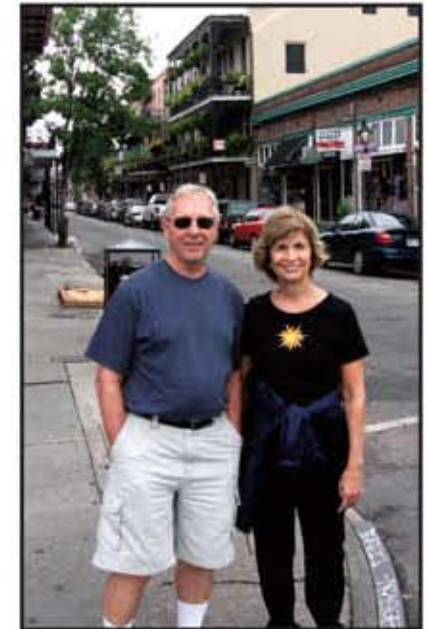
Mom eating a "snowball"  
Magazine Street,  
New Orleans ~ 1940



My parents, brother, and I  
Irish Channel, New Orleans ~ 1951



Multiple generations of our family  
Metairie ~ 1959



My husband and I  
French Quarter,  
New Orleans ~ 2006