

Tereson Thomas

Founder and CEO, Mother of Eden, LLC

Inventor, Fuzzi Bunz™ Pocket Diapers

Tereson Thomas, 36, is the founder and CEO of Mother of Eden and the patent holder of Fuzzi Bunz pocket diapers. This young mother-of-three invented Fuzzi Bunz pocket diapers in January 1999 in response to her four-month old son, Eden's, chronic diaper rash. She tried every cloth and disposable diapering system on the market to no avail. After an exhaustive search, Tereson developed her own diapering system by hand-stitching diapers in her home. The diapers she invented worked so she decided to share her unique invention with mothers around the world who were also disenchanted with the available diapering options. Within one year, the Fuzzi Bunz diaper empire was born.

Tereson's mission is to make a difference in the lives of others and in society by providing products that improve comfort and quality of life, as well as improve the world at large. She says, "What makes me happiest about the work that I do is that I'm able to make a difference in the lives of others. When all is said and done, it is not the money or the recognition; it's the fact that someone's baby didn't have to experience the discomfort associated with diaper rash and that today's mothers have a real diapering option outside of disposables and traditional cloth options."

Tereson has received numerous recognitions for her invention. In 2006, Tereson was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, an organization known as the business world's own Oscars. Additionally, in 2002, the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year competition named Tereson as a finalist. Tereson's widely-popular invention has been featured in various magazines, including *Parents*, *Pregnancy*, *Big Apple Parent*, *Baby Couture*, *American Baby*, *Country Accents* and CNNMoney.com, to name a few.

This New Orleans native attended the University of Louisiana and received a BA in Child and Family Studies. Prior to founding Mother Eden, Tereson worked as a victims advocate for the Rape Crisis Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, and then became a full-time stay-at-home mother after the birth of her first child.

Tereson currently resides in Broussard, Louisiana, with her three children, Sarah, Eden and Bennett.