



Suzanne P. Reese

International Infant Massage Trainer, Parent Educator and Humanitarian

Suzanne P. Reese is one of a very few Certified International Infant Massage Trainers with **Infant Massage USA**, a non-profit family education and service organization. She also works with **The International Association of Infant Massage - Sweden**, and travels internationally, sharing the science, tradition and love of baby massage with practitioners and laypersons alike.

Licensed and registered as a Holistic Health Practitioner

(HHP), Suzanne's background includes an undergraduate degree in child development and national certification in pre- and perinatal massage and parent education in baby massage. Perhaps most importantly, Suzanne is a humanitarian. An ambassador of hope to families and children around the globe, her mission is to help create a gentler, more compassionate world in which to live and raise children. **(Right click on the photo to read the People Magazine article.)**

Suzanne is author of the book, "Baby Massage – Soothing Strokes for Healthy Growth" (Penguin Group 2006) and the newly released companion CD, "Talk to Me – Happy Tunes for Healthy Growth" (Pacific Coast Jazz 2008). For more information visit: www.compassionatechild.com.

As part of her service to children, Suzanne joined the **Chernobyl Children's Project International** - Ireland (CCPI), serving on four humanitarian missions to the Republic of Belarus (the country hardest hit by the 1986 nuclear disaster). In 2005, Suzanne joined the first United States medical team to take their skills to the Vesnova Children's Asylum in rural Belarus, a facility housing orphaned children born with birth defects that many people attribute to the fallout from the Chernobyl disaster. Working with caregivers there, Suzanne taught them simple nurturing touch and non-verbal communication techniques, using the age-old practice of baby massage. Miraculous results were apparent in one week and still continue today. During the spring of 2006, a return mission by Suzanne and the team was covered by **People Magazine**.

Suzanne's mission is more than baby massage – it is to empower families to develop the tools they already have right in their own hands and through their own hearts to help their children thrive on so many levels. The benefits of infant massage have been scientifically documented and are far-reaching, impacting brain and body development and providing psychosocial benefits to the child and family. How a child is cared for directly influences their ability to care for themselves and others. Nurturing touch fosters the innate capacity for the love and compassion that all children are born to share.