

**Media Advisory**  
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**“Family Portraits in the Park” benefits 100 low-income families**

*Professional photographers volunteer their talent at the Metropolitan Family Service kick-off event promoting National Family Week (November 24-30)*

**What: “Family Portraits in the Park”**

Eleven professional photographers are volunteering to photograph family portraits for more than 100 low-income families who receive help through Metropolitan Family Service, a local nonprofit organization serving children, families, and older adults.

**When:** Sunday, October 13, 2002  
Event: 11 am to 3 pm

**Where:** Metropolitan Family Service, 1808 SE Belmont St., Portland  
(and Colonel Summers Park, behind Metropolitan Family Service)

**Why:** Kick-off event for promotion of **National Family Week** (November 24-30) recognizing the importance of families and their connection to one another and their communities.

For more information, contact Jana Richardson at 503.232.0007, ext. 108.

**Editor’s Note:** If you’d like to interview a local spokesperson or one of the families who will benefit from this event, please contact Jana Richardson at 503.232.0007, ext. 108 or email [janar@metfamily.org](mailto:janar@metfamily.org).

**Background on the event ...**

Capturing family history in a family portrait is something that most families take for granted. However, that’s not true for many families in Portland who are struggling to meet their most basic needs such as food and shelter.

Photographer Brian Geraths, Prints Charming Photography, is helping change that. Brian knows how important it is for families to have a record of their histories. Last year he volunteered at Metropolitan Family Service to take family portraits of approximately 20 low-income families. Sharing his gifts was so rewarding that he has enlisted seven more professional photographers and several other contributors to photograph 100 hundred families at a one-day event on Sunday, October 13.



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