

Media Advisory
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MFS Family Portraits benefits 100 low-income families

Professional photographers are volunteering their time and talent at the Metropolitan Family Service kick-off event promoting National Family Week (November 21 – 27)

- What:** **MFS Family Portraits**
Family portraits are being provided for 100 low-income families who receive services through Metropolitan Family Service, a local nonprofit serving children, families, and older adults.
- When:** Sunday, October 3, 2004
Event: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where:** Davis Elementary School, 19501 NE Davis Street, Portland, OR 97230
- Why:** Kick-off event for promotion of **National Family Week** (November 21 – 27) recognizing the importance of families and their connection to one another and their communities.
- Editor's Note:** If you would like to interview a local spokesperson or one of the families who will benefit from this event, please contact Darcie Esch at 503.232.0007, ext. 105 or email darciee@metfamily.org.

Background on the event ...

This is the fourth year MFS has coordinated family portraits as well as other National Family Week activities. 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. Each year he volunteers at Metropolitan Family Service to take family portraits. Sharing his gifts is so rewarding that he and several other professional photographers and contributors will photograph 100 hundred families at a one-day event on Sunday, October 3.



Strengthening families and individuals while enhancing their participation in community life