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## **Third Annual Worldwide Help-Portrait Event Reaches Out to Families in Need**

*Photographers and Volunteers Give Healthy Families Montgomery the Gift of Pictures*



**(GAITHERSBURG, MD)** - This December 10th, photographers and volunteers from around the world will gather for the Third Annual Help-Portrait event. Healthy Family Montgomery (HFM), a program of [Family Services, Inc.](#) (FSI) will take part in this globally recognized free event. Almost 60 of their families have signed up to participate.

**Help-Portrait** is a world-wide community of photographers coming together to use their photography skills to give back to their local community. Founded in 2009 by celebrity photographer [Jeremy Cowart](#), Help-Portrait is a community of photographers coming together across the world to use their photography skills to give back to their local community. The idea behind Help-Portrait is simple: 1. Find someone in need 2. Take their portrait 3. Print their portrait and 4. Deliver their portrait.

In the last two years, more than 101,000 portraits have been donated by 10,000 photographers and 12,000 volunteers. Help-Portrait is now a global movement in more than 1,000 locations in 54 countries.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to have a free professional portrait of their family," said Janet Curran, Program Manager for Healthy Families Montgomery. "With the current state of the economy, families do not have money in their budget for extras such as this. Having a photographic record of the family is so important!"

Patricia van Bergen, photographer and organizer for HFM's family photo event day, will have other photographers and printers donating their services, time and materials on December 10th. Families will have one pose with the photographer, which they can choose to be their child, children or the entire family. Each family will receive an 8x10 print of their selected portrait.

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