

Children grow up fast ...photography makes time stand still

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“When your child was placed in your arms, the pain and labor quickly faded away. The first smile, when your child began to crawl, their first step, were all celebrated with a toast of love.” – Kimberly Jamieson, “With the First Breath of Life.”

From the first breath of life, the journey of an infant to adulthood is a study in sentimental milestones that are a wonder to behold. Livonia photographer Kimberly L. Jamieson has made a career of capturing those treasured moments for families to always remember and cherish.

Jamieson delights in witnessing the “firsts” that children discover as they explore the world, and sees photography as a way to document all the phases of life, from the first smile to the first step. Her inspiration comes straight from watching her own daughter, Nicole, grow up before her eyes. “I always had a passion for photography, but when I gave birth to my daughter and photographed her, I realized I had a gift,” Jamieson said.

Jamieson became fascinated with photography in fifth grade, watching her older brother develop film for school assignments in a makeshift darkroom in the basement. She then dabbled in classes throughout high school and college, and made a business out of taking pictures of friends, which she sold for \$1. After she got married, Jamieson apprenticed with wedding photographers and eventually began shooting weddings on her own as a second job.

Then, she gave birth to her daughter. “Really at that point, I realized there was



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no better blessing and gift in life than children,” Jamieson said. When friends saw her photos of Nicole, they clamored for Jamieson to take pictures of their children as well. Demand for her talent spread through word of mouth until Jamieson was prompted to open her in-home studio and make photography a full-time job. Her knack for putting people

at ease in front of the camera so their personality can shine through on film has earned Jamieson a nationwide reputation and numerous awards.

Now, her client list reads like a who’s who of Metro Detroit, with sports figures, attorneys and surgeons commissioning Jamieson to take family portraits. Still, her photography remains accessible to everyone. One look at Jamieson’s portraits, and you quickly see they capture the emotion, joy, beauty and whimsy of children by simply encouraging them to be themselves.



Jamieson conducts portrait sessions indoors and out, and each takes a life of its own depending on the subjects. Little girls are free to play dress up, boys are invited to be mischievous, and families are welcome to enjoy each other’s company in front of Jamieson’s lens. Jamieson isn’t above getting on her knees and acting silly to elicit smiles from the little ones.

But she doesn’t claim to corner the market on photography, and encourages parents to snap photos of their kids to



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create lasting memories. She offers tips on her website to help people take better photographs, and continues to take pictures of her own daughter often. “She’s my inspiration,” Jamieson said.

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