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*This event could not have been possible without the heart, mind, and soul of Annie Dlugokęcki. We are eternally grateful for the countless hours and unyielding dedication that you have given to Julie's organization and our families. Thank you for making an impact on us and the community through your gifted, artistic expression.*



## Julie's Family Portrait Project Gallery Reception

*A photographic celebration of the families*

*of Julie's Family Learning Program*

Tuesday, June 19, 2007  
5:00 - 8:30PM

**Artists for Humanity EpiCenter**  
100 West Second Street  
South Boston, MA 02127  
[www.afhboston.com](http://www.afhboston.com)

# EVENING PROGRAM

**5:00 p.m.**

Fine wine & hors d'oeuvres

**6:30 p.m.**

Welcome

*Glenda Manzi, Chair of Board*

Thoughts from the Artist

*Annie Dlugokecki*

Program Appreciation

*Jean Sullivan, SND and Louise Kearns, SND, Co-Founders*

**7:00 p.m.**

Closing Remarks

*Bob Monahan, Director of Operations*

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## *Families Helping Families through Photography*

There is a story behind every facial expression and action that you see in the photos displayed tonight. You only receive a glimpse of that story through the words written on each photo frame. Our hope is that you and your family will be drawn closer to Julie's families, bond with our organization, and desire to lend a helping hand.

"Families Helping Families" is Julie's theme for our 2007 Annual Fund. Annie has made a huge contribution to our 2007 Annual Fund with all the time and energy that she has invested into the Family Portrait Project. We would like to encourage you to get involved as well.

Please take the time tonight to read the stories described in Julie's 2007 Annual Fund brochure; talk with Julie's families, staff, and Board; and visit Julie's Sponsor A Family table. We hope that you will then consider making a contribution so that Julie's can continue to help more families break the cycle of poverty.

## *Julie's Family Portrait Project*

Julie's Family Portrait Project has been carried out by Annie Dlugokecki, a 2006-2007 Lewis Hine Documentary Fellow from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. Annie graduated from Duke in 2006 with a B.A. in Public Policy Studies and a Certificate in Documentary Studies. Each year The Philanthropic Initiative supports two Hine fellows to work for ten months with community-based organizations in New England.

### ARTIST'S REFLECTIONS



*Photo by Aryanna Connolly,  
6 years old*

I believe that miracles happen at Julie's because I have had the chance to hear amazing testimonies over the last several months. As I made portraits of Julie's families, I followed up with moms by interviewing them on the topic of motherhood. Through these interviews, as well as casual conversations around kitchen countertops and in stairwells, I have had the privilege of hearing life-changing and miraculous stories. The most visible miracles are the babies, especially those born contrary to conventional and medical wisdom.

I have found, however, that the most transformative miracles are those that take place in families following new births – both those which are magical and those that lack this quality all together. In most of the interviews I heard moms say that their children saved them and gave them good reason to re-evaluate destructive lifestyle choices. As one mom articulated in the project on display, her daughters stopped her from continuously being on the run.

There is a special way that new life in the form of children welcomes in the opportunity for new life for the mother as well. Enrolling in Julie's represents that larger life choice for many moms. Through this project I wanted to celebrate the work of the organization in acting as a vessel through which change happens. I also wanted to celebrate and empower the moms as they re-commit daily to work on their lives and eventually break the cycle of poverty.

To the mothers, I want to say thank you for welcoming me into your lives. I have been encouraged by your bravery, and I will treasure the stories you shared with me throughout this precious time.

~ *Annie Dlugokecki*