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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Father/Daughter Photographers Team Up to Make Mother's Day Special at Family Shelter**



**Boston (May 16, 2018)** – Mother's Day is a big deal at Victory Programs' three family shelters: Chamblet, Portis and ReVision Family Homes. Every year, our shelter staff organize a fun day of activities for families living in the shelters to kick-off Mother's Day weekend. For the past four years, this has included a family photoshoot arranged by local photographer Greig Cranna and his daughter, Molly, who flies in from the West Coast for the event. Molly and Greig set a professional portrait studio right in the living room of Chamblet Family Home, the largest which has the largest communal area of Victory Programs' three family shelters. Each year as many as 30 families cycle through to have their photos taken by Grieg, while Molly processes the pictures and exports them to CD so each resident is able to leave with photos in-hand.

"We both love the experience..." shares Greig. "It can be chaotic, but the women are so cool and the kids full of surprises. Plus, I get to work with Molly, which is always a treat. My goal when I set out four years ago was to try and make these women feel special for a few minutes... I think I've succeeded. I know their lives are difficult and complicated, but I like to believe that for a few moments they can feel good about themselves and proud of their kids."

Grieg is currently in the process of opening a gallery and plans to showcase his Mother's Day photos from the past few years in a special exhibit next spring.

In addition to the gorgeous, professional family photos, families living in the programs enjoy a special Mother's Day cookout prepared by staff. The staff also plan a range of children's activities – which vary a bit from year to year but are always a big hit like this year's bouncy house and a live magic show performed by local magician Peter O'Malley. This year's festivities also included a special treat for moms – chair massages from licensed masseuse Christine Rose of 4 Corners Yoga + Wellness.

2018 Mother's Day Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/83595860@N05/albums/72157666969085297>

2017 Mother's Day Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/83595860@N05/sets/72157684373020116>

2016 Mother's Day Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/83595860@N05/sets/72157667555828820>

2015 Mother's Day Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/83595860@N05/sets/72157667555828820>

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Victory Programs has more than 40 years of experience opening doors to hope, health and housing for individuals and families in need. Since its inception in 1975, the agency has expanded to 19 health, housing and prevention programs providing shelter and recovery services for up to 2,500 people annually. Victory Programs has a storied history of responding to emerging needs in the community – from being one of the first agencies in Massachusetts to allow HIV positive clients into its addiction recovery programs in 1981 to launching a mobile prevention unit in 2015 to reach individuals and families in the community. Throughout its organizational growth, Victory Programs' commitment to those struggling with homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS always remains its top priority. For more information about Victory Programs visit [vpi.org](http://vpi.org) or call 617-541-0222.