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Photo project a gift to recovering mothers

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Of the thousand words that a picture is worth, J.D. Rouse hopes the photos from Operation Community Capture will evoke hope, strength, and perseverance.

The Daytona State College photography student will host her third year of the photo project, in which family portraits are taken and given to those recovering from substance abuse.

"We hope these families will look at these portraits and look back at this difficult time in their lives," said Rouse. "Hopefully, they will see they were stronger than they thought they were.

"It will give them hope to keep going and that they can make it," she said.

Portraits of the 14 families and four pregnant women will be taken tomorrow Saturday 12/11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The photo project started three years ago when Rouse worked with The Salvation Army to provide family portraits as part of Christmas baskets for the holidays.

This year's set of family portraits will include women enrolled with Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare's [Project W.A.R.M](#) or women assisting recovering mothers.

The portraits will be given to the women later this month, along with baskets filled with children's clothing, shoes and gift cards. The baskets contain donated goods and the project is seeking donations to fill them.

More information about the project is available at 386-259-0573.

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