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Photographers Provide Holiday Portraits to YWCA Shelter Clients on Dec. 1

BIRMINGHAM, AL, Nov. 29, 2018 – The YWCA of Central Alabama is excited to host Birmingham area photographers participating in National Help Portrait day, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Dec. 1 in the gym and Chapel at 309 23rd Street North.

Help-Portrait was founded in 2008 by celebrity photographer Jeremy Cowart. Locally, the effort has been led by Rabbi Barry Altmark, who organizes local photographers to come to the YWCA to take portraits of shelter clients, and provide them with a framed photo to brighten their holidays.

“Help-Portrait is about giving photos not taking them,” said Rabbi Altmark. “Some of the people who come for photos have been through rather traumatic situations, and some just have never had a family photo or portrait taken. Regardless of the situation our goal is provide them a photo for free to capture this moment.”

YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way agency dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA provides child development programs for children of homeless and financially struggling families; safe, affordable housing; a broad array of domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, <http://www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama> and <http://www.youtube.com/ywcentralal> or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.

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