

OUR MISSION & VISION

Many of us have family members or friends whose families have been affected by life-altering medical conditions and have been forced to endure the devastating experience of losing a child. The Tiny Light Foundation™ wants to be able to give the gift of professional photography to families whose children are currently in palliative care.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Since the idea of photography during this stressful time may not occur to families, The Tiny Light Foundation™ depends on people like you and your staff to share information about this free service. Taking photos is one of the elements to the job but preserving the precious moments is what makes a true passionate photographer.



ABOUT THE TINY LIGHT FOUNDATION

The Tiny Light Foundation™ is a registered Canadian Charity that was founded in 2010 by two like-minded photographer friends, Melissa DePape and Billie Depatie. Billie and Melissa had a vision to provide the gift of professional photography to families whose children had been diagnosed with life-altering medical conditions. During stressful times and through health challenges, photography is often the last thing on a family's mind; however, over the last 9 years, hundreds of passionate volunteer Professional Photographers have offered their services to these families through The Tiny Light Foundation™ because they understand the value of photos as precious memories.

THE TINY LIGHT

FOUNDATION™



*helping our tiny lights shine
one photo at a time*



Our mission is to provide and capture memories that will help provide a family with one less thing to worry about. In the mist of dealing with doctor appointments, specialist appointments or just the daily routine of medicines, rushing here to there for weights, checkups, and the many other things we deal with in everyday life. A lot of the times, getting photos taken gets put on the back burner because of a lack of time and, sometimes, funding. When we look back, we want to remember, and even though you may never forget what you and your child have gone through, we always want more; we need the memories to last forever.

ABOUT US

The Tiny Light Foundation™ was established in December 2010 by two liked minded photographers, Melissa DePape & Billie Depatie. Taking photos is one of the elements to the job but preserving the precious moments is what makes a true passionate photographer. At times we can take Photography for granted and the gift it offers of freezing time at 1/100th a second. Over the past year and half, between the Tiny Lights, their families and the photographers who helped us become who we are today, over 500 hundreds of lives have been touched by this Foundation. Although we are just starting out, we have endless ideas, big plans and even bigger hopes for the future.

From a simple idea to an official Charity organization, The Tiny Light Foundation™ is the first charitable organization of its kind in Canada serving Alberta and British Columbia.



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WHAT FAMILIES ARE SAYING

My daughter, Lilee-Jean, was diagnosed with stage IV brain cancer two months before her 1st birthday. Her initial surgery went well and we were given the gift of time, so I planned a birthday party in the hospital play room to celebrate this little life we were so fortunate to be able to keep. The Tiny Light Foundation™ donated their time and incredible photography skills to document each smile, each decoration, each smear of icing, each present, each hug and all of the love that filled that room. Because of them we were able to enjoy every moment with our girl knowing that these memories would be eternalized. Lilee-Jean passed away at two and a half, and because of The Tiny Light Foundation™, I am able to relive those glorious moments of light when my world is at its darkest. I am forever thankful for the gift they gave us.

WHAT PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE SAYING

It is hard to put in words how much our work with the The Tiny Light Foundation™ inspires us. We are always so touched by the amazing families we get to meet through the Foundation. The strength, love and joy we witness in these families leaves us smiling for weeks afterwards. We feel very lucky to work with the Tiny Light Foundation.

~Labour Union Photography