

Why You Should Take Yearly Family Portraits

How many times have you wanted to take a family photo, maybe for your Christmas cards, and then simply been too busy? Life gets hectic, and you find you don't have time to wrangle everyone and get them to sit down for a proper photo. Or maybe you have bunches of photos of your children, but none with both you and your spouse in them because one of you is always taking the pictures.

This is where a professional family photo shoot is a great idea. Instead of worrying about getting everyone together, taking the photos yourself, and getting them printed, you can let a professional do all that for you, providing you with memories to cherish for the rest of your life. They also will edit your photos and arrange for them to be printed, so you know you're getting the best quality images of your family.

Capture changes in your family.

From first steps to braces to high school, as your kids grow up, you don't want to miss a moment. Having an annual family photo taken allows you to document all the changes in your family, whether it's a new addition or a rapidly growing child. Professional family photos will be something you and your children can look back on for years to come.

Create art for your home.

What better way to decorate your home or office than with beautiful photos of the ones you love? You may have plenty of photos of your kids snapped on your cell phone and even some selfies of the whole family, but those are hardly the kind of pictures you want blown up on canvas and hanging above the fireplace. A professional family photo shoot helps you ensure that everyone will be in the photo, looking their best. Don't have wall space? There are many wonderful options on photo books and albums for your coffee table!

Start a tradition.

Whether you grew up taking family photos or not, it's a great tradition to start with your family. One day your grandchildren and maybe even their children will look back on your family photos, so it's important to have quality, professional images for future generations to enjoy. And once you start the tradition of taking family photos each year, your children can continue it when they have families of their own.

Share with friends and family.

Each year I love getting holiday cards from friends and relatives that have photos in them. I look forward to seeing how they look and how much their children have grown. Don't you think your friends and family would love to see a great portrait of you and your family!

Eliminate the stress of taking your own photos.

Professional photographers will give you guidelines about the best way to be prepared for your family photo session. Having someone else handle the details will take the stress off of you!

The next time you're thinking about how much you need an updated family photo, consider scheduling a session with a professional photographer—and make it a tradition that your family can enjoy for years to come.