

Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep





Our Mission



NILMDTS provides remembrance photography to parents suffering the loss of a baby with a free gift of professional portraiture.



OUR HISTORY

Maddux Achilles Haggard
February 4-10, 2005

OUR GIFT

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- Gently retouched images
- Black & White or Sepia tone images
- Delivered within 4 weeks
- Images for memorial services



GIFT DELIVERED

- Online password protected gallery via ShootProof
- Free image download
- Discounted professional prints courtesy of Bay Photo
- Free Mpix album (US/CAN)



Picture yourself in a community of caring photographers



SESSION PROCESS



CALLS

- Find A Photographer on website
- Family or Hospital calls
- Area Coordinator or Dispatcher coordinates Photographers



PREP & SESSION

- On-line training courses
- Gear Prep
- Commute time to & from hospital
- Time at hospital
30-45 minutes in the room



POST-SESSION

- Immediately backup images to multiple points of backup
- Retouching - help is available
- Delivery through ShootProof through the NILMDTS database within 4 weeks of session

SKILLS & CRITERIA



LIGHTING

Good available and portable auxiliary lighting is a key component of the evaluation of your photos.



POSING

Even though in our environment we are often limited in how we can position our subjects, the applicant should demonstrate knowledge of what makes flattering position.



FOCUS

Just like any portrait, the eyes have to be sharp. All submitted images must be in focus.

You may be thinking...



"I could never do that"

"I am too emotional"

"I would cry the entire time"



"We all come to NILMDTS for different reasons, but it is such an honor for me to be able to be one of the only people in the world that gets to meet these beautiful babies, lift up their families during their absolute darkest hour, and leave them with tangible proof that their baby existed, and will always be a part of their lives."

~JORDANA PICKERING, VOLUNTEER
PHOTOGRAPHER & DIGITAL RETOUCH ARTIST

I don't know if I have the skills...

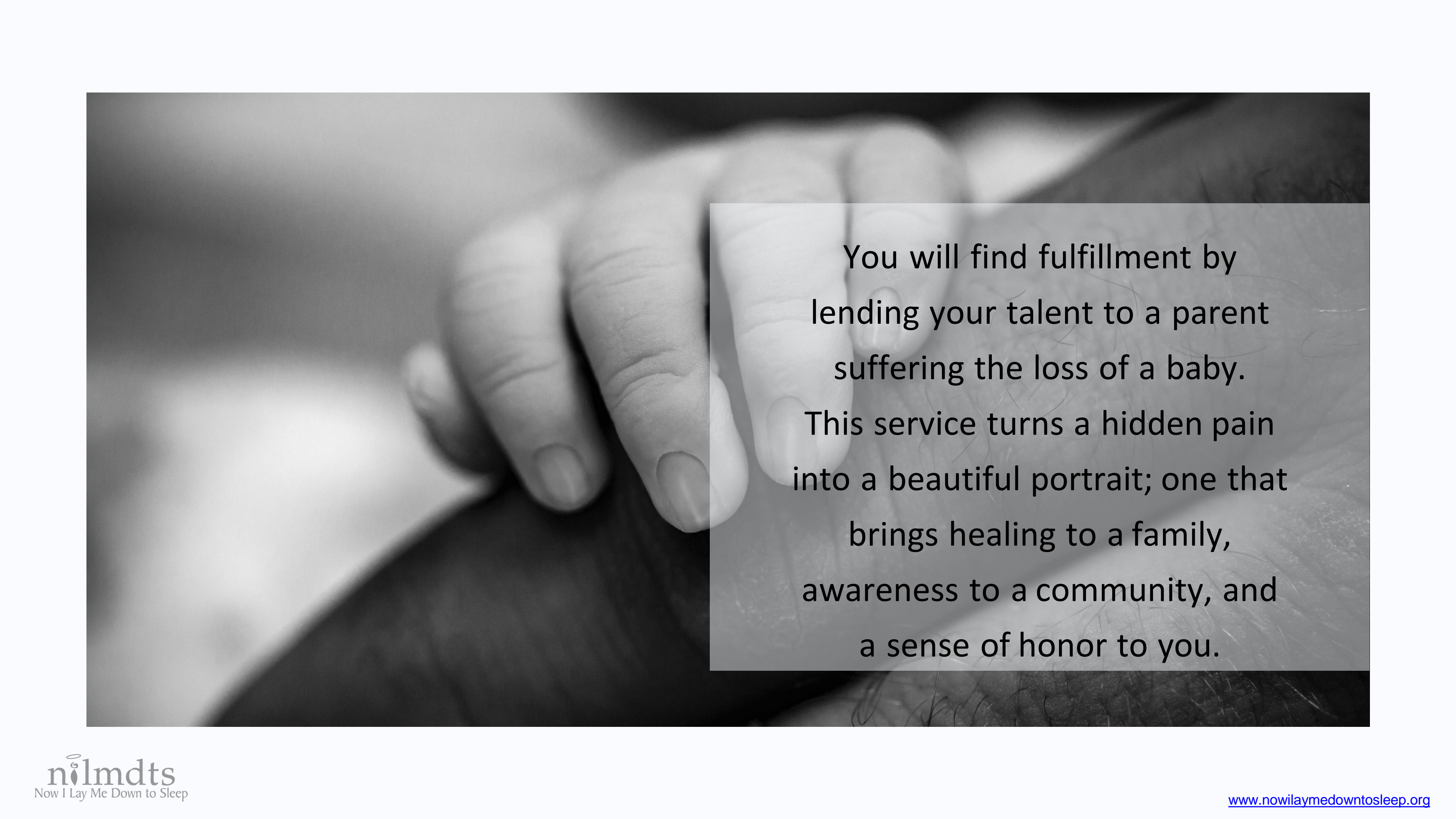
"I became a volunteer with NILMDTS with nothing more than a willing heart. I wasn't a professional photographer. I didn't have a studio. I had no idea how to work in Photoshop. But, with every step, I found constant encouragement. Teaching from mentors who were proficient in areas where I was weak. Any questions I had were answered almost immediately, whether it was on the Facebook page, messages, phone calls and zoom meetings. If I could sum up becoming a NILMDTS Volunteer in a quote, it would be "Come with a desire to learn and a willingness to ask questions along the way. That, coupled with a heart to serve grieving families, will be all you need."

~ROXANNE BAGGOT, AREA COORDINATOR



APPLICATION PROCESS



A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a hand gently holding a baby's foot. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the foot. The baby's foot is on the right side, with toes pointing towards the center. The background is softly blurred, focusing attention on the hand and foot. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

You will find fulfillment by
lending your talent to a parent
suffering the loss of a baby.
This service turns a hidden pain
into a beautiful portrait; one that
brings healing to a family,
awareness to a community, and
a sense of honor to you.

Why You?
Because there is
no one better

Why Now?
Because
tomorrow isn't
soon enough



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