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**PATHWAYS INITIATES A NEW GIVING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
Donors to Pathways Now Receive a Family Portrait by Renowned Photographer

The holidays remind many of the comforts of home—favorite foods, a warm bed, or a special quilt. Each year Pathways works with hundreds of families to help them achieve these same comforts by moving them from homelessness to independence. With the help of dozens of volunteers, workers, and donors, Pathways provides short and long-term housing, life skills classes, an employment readiness preparation, and a children's program, helping mothers and children to create holiday memories of their own.

This year Pathways is excited to offer a gift of thanks to those who help make these programs possible. Donors who give \$1000 or more will receive a portrait sitting and an archival photographic print by world-renowned photographer Melissa Springer. Sittings can be of an individual or the whole family.

During her career, Melissa Springer has traveled around the world, capturing the spirit of a place through portraits of its people. She has published several books, taught at the International Center of Photography in New York, appeared on CNN and Lifetime Television, and had work appear in dozens of publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Village Voice*, *Elle*, and *Harper's Bazaar*. Collectors of her work include Richard Gere, Jody Foster, the High Museum of Art, the San Antonio Museum of Art, and the Birmingham Museum of Art. Melissa lives in Birmingham, Alabama. You can visit her website at [www.melissaspringer.com](http://www.melissaspringer.com).

Those interested in giving financial support to Pathways can call 205-322-6854 to schedule a holiday photo sitting or purchase a gift certificate.