

## *our mission*

The Tiny Sparrow Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, connecting volunteering photographers with the families of critically ill children. It is our aim to bring hope and a renewed sense of life to these families through the art of photography.

In cultures throughout the world, the sparrow is a symbol of hope and rebirth. Though small, the beautiful bird is recognized for its resilient and nurturing characteristics. It represents our mission to bring hope and new life to children living with critical illness.

**Each Tiny Sparrow family receives the showcase piece of the Picture of Hope process: a custom designed, hardcover 10×10 Tiny Sparrow Album of {Hope}, accompanied by a CD with digital images and a full print release.**

Those who are interested in partnering with our organization can visit our website to learn more about applying for a Picture of Hope session, volunteering as a photographer or donating to the Foundation:  
[www.tinysparrowfoundation.org](http://www.tinysparrowfoundation.org)



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*Tiny Sparrow Foundation a non-profit organization dedicated to providing lasting memories through the beautiful art of photography to families with children who are facing life threatening illnesses. With the help of photographers nationwide, we are able to give a beautiful album that will carry the love, joy and everlasting memory of each individual family.*

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## *our beginning*

Tiny Sparrow founder Lidia Grigorean is a photographer and breast cancer survivor. During her bout with cancer, Lidia turned to photography as a way of keeping her spirits up. In her art, she found a way to cope with the reality that, for her, tomorrow may never come. “I wanted memories for my daughter to have when she would grow up.” As a cancer survivor, Lidia came across the story of five-year-old Kate McRae—a bright, sweet little girl suffering from brain cancer. Lidia traveled to the family’s home in Arizona to photograph Kate and her family. From that experience, Lidia was inspired to bring her gift to other families dealing with illness. It was here that the idea for Tiny Sparrow Foundation first began to take form.

## *photographers*

As a volunteering photographer you will bring a wonderful gift into the homes and hearts of our Tiny Sparrow families. You will never know how much that means. Here are some insights to consider:

- Understand that you are volunteering with no expectation of compensation.
- We ask that you handle the images for Tiny Sparrow Foundation with consideration and compassion for the families going through these tough times. Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, we post images exclusively on the Tiny Sparrow website and only if the parents sign our release form. These images are not portfolio builders. Some parents will not want these images anywhere other than in their album, which we provide, so we ask that images not be shared or posted anywhere other than with Tiny Sparrow.
- We ask that photographers relinquish full copyright of the images to Tiny Sparrow.
- Be sure you fully understand the mission of Tiny Sparrow, carefully considering your contribution before going forward with the process. We want photographers who are fully dedicated to supporting and promoting Tiny Sparrow’s mission by creating timeless and invaluable memories for the families we are helping.

We ask the following from our photographers:

- *Complete an online application on our website.*
- *Have a professional level of technical competence and be able to handle shooting in challenging lighting situations.*
- *Be flexible and understanding of scheduling changes.*
- *Be mindful of your health, sensitive to the family’s needs, timely, discreet, professional and courteous.*



## *parents*

Please contact us if you have a special child that you would like us to photograph. We would be happy to discuss the Picture of Hope process and any other questions or concerns you may have.

Tiny Sparrow never charges for portrait sessions or any of the products that we gift to your family.

You can be confident that our photographers are professionals who have been chosen using a highly selective screening process. We accept only experienced and skilled individuals who are mindful of your family’s specific needs. Your photographer will come to your agreed upon location, prepared to photograph your family whether in the hospital, your home or at a special location.