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Photographers of the Week:

Caitlin Quinn, Kate Smith, Max Carrasco, Ashley Murphy, David Paradela

Chelsea Berry, Zoe Kurtz, Caitlee Carrier, Stephen Snider

Posted by Teresa Hanafin, Boston.com Staff October 14, 2008 05:08 PM

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I attended the opening of a very special photo exhibit at the Boston Children's Museum last week: **Project Tomorrow -- A Young Photographers Initiative photographic project**. Nine children ages 10 to 18 with a parent under treatment for cancer at the Massachusetts General Hospital's Cancer Center were given cameras and an assignment: Make a portrait of your parent today that will inspire you to remember what is special about who she or he is tomorrow.

Photographer **Paul Denckla** then took a photo of each parent and child together. Finally, everyone wrote short essays about what the experience meant to them. The result is a poignant exhibit containing two photos per family -- the image by each child of her or his parent, and Denckla's photo of the pair together -- framed by the essays.

This gallery contains each pair of photos and short excerpts from the essays. (Click the **Full-screen** link to enlarge and again to return to standard size.) Under the gallery are links to the project website, as well as more details about the exhibit. The visual and narrative window into the special relationship between a sick parent and a child is instructive, compelling -- and a must-see.

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OK, RAW readers, it's time for your close up. You don't need a macro lens, but an eye for detail, patterns, and texture will be mighty helpful. So go have fun and experiment.

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You can read the full essays written by the nine parents and children featured here, as well as learn more about this project, at the [Young Photographers Initiative website](#). The exhibit of photos and essays is on display until Nov. 5 at the [Boston Children's Museum](#), 300 Congress Street. It's located in [The Gallery](#) on the second floor.

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1.

Teresa,

Thank you for bringing this thoughtful and heartfelt exhibit to our attention. I am impressed by these children and wish every parent success beating this disease. I hope these kids realize what an inspiration they are to me and I am sure to their parent.

Posted by [Linda Cullivan](#) October 14, 08 07:08 PM

2.

These are amazing - the young photographers are so great at capturing exactly how they want to remember their parent...

Posted by [Kate](#) October 14, 08 10:48 PM

3.

If we all could remember to "live in the moment" as the participants all spoke about a phenomenal essay of pictures and words Prayers and good wishes to all

Posted by [A Grateful Cancer Survivor](#) October 15, 08 08:33 AM

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[On My Mind](#)

Globe staff photographer Yoon S. Byun asks Boston: "What's on your mind?"

Coming soon

WOW! I have goosebumps!

Posted by [linderluu](#) October 15, 08 12:05 PM

5.

This is beautiful...what amazing kids and parents! Thank you so much.

Posted by [Kathy](#) October 15, 08 12:17 PM

6.

Michael my dear! You are a very nice photographer. Congratulations to you! Good luck.

Posted by [Mitra](#) October 20, 08 11:28 AM

7.

I am very impressed with these young people. It's very refreshing.

Posted by [Paul](#) October 21, 08 05:25 PM

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