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PHOTOGRAPHERS RAISE FUNDS TO BENEFIT MILITARY FAMILY WITH AUTISTIC TODDLER

Service Dog Could Provide Safety and Connection to World

The family of three year-old Joshua Jonathan "JJ" Proffitt currently faces a daunting task for a single-income military family: raising \$13,500 by August 2011. These funds will be used to secure a service dog for JJ through the program run by Autism Service Dogs of America (ASDA), and will provide JJ with a companion who can keep him from harm's way - a physical and emotional tether to the outside world. JJ's father currently serves with the United States Army, and will be deploying to Afghanistan in August for a 12-month tour. It is the Proffitts' hope that with the help of family and friends, funding will be in place prior to his departure, so that the training and placement process can begin. (More on JJ's story can be found at <http://www.happytailsforJJ.org>.)

Angela Powell Woulfe and Kristin Proffitt met several years ago via an online forum for military brides-to-be, and quickly formed a deep and close bond. Despite the miles, they talked nearly daily, and several months after their weddings, they both discovered they were expecting (Angela: a girl, Kristin: a boy). They shared joys and dreams for the future. The babies were born eight days apart, and for the first year, shared milestones and achievements. When JJ started to miss milestones and actually regressed in his development, many assessments were ordered, and Angela shared in Kristin's pain when the autism diagnosis finally came after his second birthday. When Angela learned that a service dog could protect and help JJ, she promised the Proffitts that she would find a way to help.

Angela wanted to find a way to help the Proffitts reach their goal, even from hundreds of miles away. She contacted several photographers in San Diego, Orange County, and Los Angeles, and created the Happy Tails for JJ Portrait Fundraiser Event. All proceeds from this event will be donated to ASDA to benefit JJ Proffitt. Families, professionals, models and anyone else who may desire a professional studio portrait is encouraged to attend this event. A suggested minimum donation of \$25 per portrait session will assist the Proffitts in reaching their goal and provide JJ with a quality of life that would otherwise be impossible.

Happy Tails for JJ Portrait Fundraiser
Sunday, July 24, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Orange County Photography Center
590 W. Central Avenue, Suite A
Brea, CA 92821

Reservations for portrait sessions are strongly encouraged, and can be made by calling 760-317-9752. Each session is approximately 20 minutes in length.

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