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Beautifully Abled

A Letter From the Editor

*H*ello! My name is Kayla Campbell and I am the Editor/Creator of Exposed Magazine and Owner of Memories Exposed Photography. I am also a Destination Wedding and Portrait Photographer, and throughout my travel I have had the pleasure of meeting many other talented Photographers and Vendors. These interactions gave me the idea of creating a magazine designed to showcase the work of those very Photographers and Vendors, offering potential clients the opportunity to discover new talent to work with-- right at the tip of their fingers. There is SO MUCH TALENT out there, and Exposed Magazine is a "one stop shop" that embodies the photography and vendor specific industry!


I also wanted this magazine to share touching stories so that our readers are able to find photographers and vendors that either inspire them, connect with them, or simply just makes them smile. Some of these features might be emotional to read, but they are there to let someone speak their truth or share their story with others around the world. Exposed Magazine is also composed of an AMAZING team that works hard to put together issue after issue, one beautiful layout at a time. Each month there will be at least three unique issues that we publish, so we hope you enjoy every single one!

This issue shares the photos, journeys, and lives of those who have disabilities that have impairments, making it more difficult for them to do certain activities or interact with the world around them. Disabled due to cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, and/or sensory differences (Wikipedia). I chose to call this issue "Beautifully Abled" because I want our readers to recognize the beauty that these individuals encompass, exude, and radiate to others. Their smiles that you see captured throughout this issue never give a hint to the level of hardships they fight and overcome daily. The strength that many have had to find from the moment they were born and continue to find comes not only from the support of the love ones that surround them, but from the very soul that is beyond special.

A majority of society will quickly label them as "different" in an "unfortunate" tone, but if I hope anything comes from this issue, I hope our readers realize that is 2021 and BEING DIFFERENT IS BEAUTIFUL. It is something proudly to say that you are, and it is more reason to let your light shine. When you meet someone who is "different" from anyone you have ever met, what do they do? They leave an everlasting impression on you and before you know it you have shared their story or your experience with them with everyone you know. You point out what makes them special, and you realize that they have touched you in an incredibly special way. As we selected and put this issue together, that is exactly what every single individual did to us. Without even meeting them, their story touched us, we shared their stories with our friends and family, and we were in awe of their ability to overcome, continue to smile and enjoy life. We continued to be in awe of the individuals who overcame the world not understanding their disabilities and wanting to be a part of the issue to show others who might be going through the same thing, that they are not alone, and they have just as equal of a place in this world. I was beyond inspired as I looked through the final draft of this issue and I hope you feel the same as you look through this issue. Notice the LIFE that these photos capture and how beyond beautifully abled these individuals are.

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"This image is of a very strong girl, Kamille Karen Jean, who was diagnosed with Alopecia in 2020. She is only 9 years old and had shown immense strength and resilience through her condition! I did this Photoshoot to showcase that beauty has no definition! True beauty is strong and resilient, just like Kamille is!"

-Pallavi

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Wynona Martin

"Wynona, was born with a Congenital Heart Defect (CHD). Ashley's pregnancy was healthy and 'normal', but during delivery on January 5th, 2019, everything started to take a turn, and they ended up having to go for an emergency c-section. Only about half of parents that have a child with a CHD diagnosis find out about the diagnosis before birth. At the 20 week ultrasound is when defects can be found but with some that have to do with the veins around the heart it is harder to detect. Once born, Wynona was not breathing and her APGAR (Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, and Respiration) score was around a 1 or 2 out of 10. This put Wynona sadly in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). After a day of staying in the NICU a faint murmur was heard, and the doctor then ordered an echocardiogram to see the movement of the heart through the use of ultrasound waves.

It was then that Wynona was diagnosed with the CHD, Tetralogy of the Fallot (ToF).

ToF is comprised of four defects. The first major defect is the large Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD), a hole between the lower chambers of the heart. The second is a narrowed pulmonary valve and artery. The third is an enlarged aortic valve, and the fourth is the lower right wall of the heart that is thickened, which is also called ventricular hypertrophy. Wynona's CHD eventually would need surgery.

Wynona was able to go home from the hospital to see if she would gain some weight and followed up with her cardiologist, but could not gain any. On February 21st, they took her in for another appointment and she had actually lost weight. They then decided to schedule her surgery and have an NG (Nasogastric feeding tube) tube placed. Surgery took place at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. They left northwest Ohio on the 23rd of February, 4 days later Wynona went into surgery and after a 4 hour surgery they were able to repair her broken heart. Looking forward to today, Wynona is now 2 years old and thriving. She now only has to see her local cardiologist once a year!

Cardiologists continue care for our CHD children. During those visits children have EKG's (electrocardiogram), Echo's (echocardiogram), and many other tests to see how well their hearts are developing. Some children have visits every 6 months or shorter times depending on the condition. 1 year appointments are strived for in the CHD community, knowing the heart is mostly stable."

-Mary Frost

Congenital Heart Defects affect 1 in 100 babies born. Wynona was born with Tetralogy of the Fallot.



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Additional information on CHD's on the internet:

"CHDs are the most common birth defects. CHDs occur in almost 1% of births. An approximate 100-200 deaths are due to unrecognized heart disease in newborns each year. These numbers exclude those dying before diagnosis.

Nearly 40,000 infants in the U.S. are born each year with CHDs.

CHDs are as common as autism and about twenty-five times more common than cystic fibrosis

"This is my little sister Nikol, who was diagnosed with Alopecia Universalis when she was a junior in high school. It's an auto immune disease that attacks your hair follicles. She allowed me to do this "Bald is Beautiful" photoshoot to spread awareness and show that beauty has no boundaries. This photoshoot was the first time she let anyone see her without her wig on. She is the strongest woman I know!"

-Hailey



When she was a junior, doctors told her that her hair would never grow back. She started taking vitamins and changed her diet and her hair started growing back! This is her natural hair


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"This is Nora. She has OSCS (rare genetic condition), hydrocephalus (4 brain surgeries), epilepsy, hip dysplasia, clubfoot, and much much more! She is truly a warrior!"





"Lorelai is our Cover Artist and was born in 2013 with a surprise birth diagnosis of Down syndrome, Trisomy 21. As first-time parents in our 30s, we had no idea what to expect and quickly adapted to learning more about being the parents that she would need. After extensive therapies from 2 months old, including PT, OT, Speech, and feeding therapy, we learned of her Sensory Processing Disorder when she was around six months old and turned from a sensory avoider into a sensory seeker. When our second daughter was born just after Lorelai's second birthday, we knew that there was something additional going on. She had always been a happy or calm child, but even with her numerous delays and sensory difficulties, she started having behaviors in reaction to the sounds and presence of her sister and to adults on her medical team attempting to treat her. She was evaluated and diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder before she turned three. When combined with her extreme myopia, making sight difficult, and her severe hypotonia, making physical movement challenging, she internalized her distress and began having regressions like losing all verbal abilities and withdrawing from participation in interactions. With additional therapies added to her load, she began making a little progress and was finally walking around 3.5 years old and started using a speaking device. Just prior to the birth of her brother in 2018 and in the course of her antibiotic treatments for chronic rhinitis, we learned from her physician that she has PANS, that is now managed with a food and supplement regimen to minimize the effects. Through all of her struggles and in the face of every challenge, she has remained a fighter. She is strong, joyful, intelligent, playful, loving, sassy and perfect. Her smiles are a gift and her embrace is a treasure. Although she does not participate often in the world outside of her head, she brings much light to our family, our team, and everyone she meets. "

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-Mother, Brianna Flinkow



Dallas Mink

"This is Dallas Mink , my amazing nephew.

He was born 5 weeks early with a chromosome deletion meaning he is missing a section of his chromosomes.

Although he can't speak he will be sure to let you know what he wants. He has a smile and laugh that could light up any room. He LOVES listening to music and watching his favorite movie Toy Story .

He has no interest in sports , but he attends all of his brothers games , but we all know he is really only there for the popcorn."

-Sierrah Braunagel

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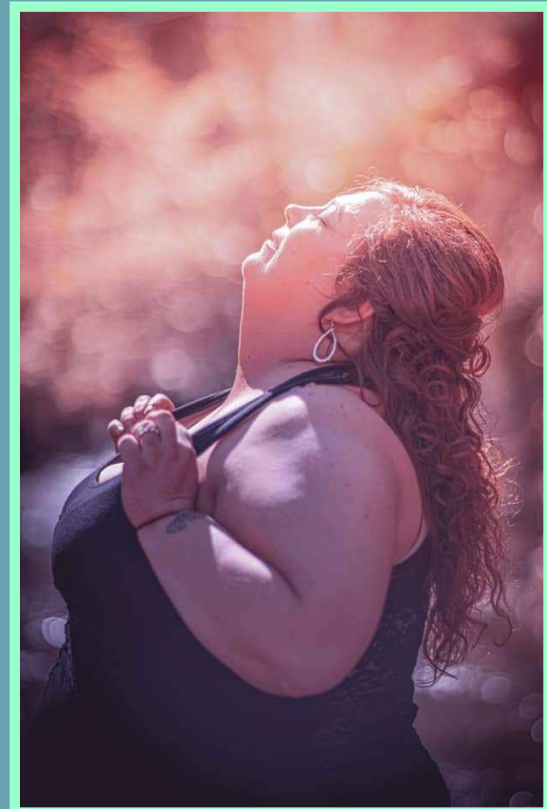
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Sarah Mitchell



Hello! My name is Sarah Neice I am a plus sized model with schizoaffective I found myself diagnosed at 25 as a single mother for those of you who don't know what the disorder is it schizophrenia mixed with bipolar
Somedays I wake up and my moods are kind of everywhere and then other days I wake up and I'm I'm paranoid and I have very scary thoughts that feel uncontrollable. I also have PTSD on top of my disorder so most of my schizophrenia is stems from my PTSD I push people away during this time of the schizophrenia part because I start having delusions and believe that people are after me and the my family's after me. it's hard for them to continue to love me even when I make bad choices. I continue to take meds and do therapy I will always have my disorder but with meds and therapy I have been able to overcome many obstacles.

I love modeling and photography and shopping of course ;) my parents have always taken me to the doctor when I need help but three years ago my mother died and my father moved to a different state and I've kind of had to find my own place in the world after she died. I always know when to get help because of my thoughts are very scary. to people out there suffering from the same disorder I would say to you stay on your medication continue with therapy even though it's a long process and sometimes it may feel like it's never going to end but if you stick with those two things you will overcome more than what you even imagined. and to family members that are suffering from a loved one with the disorder the best way to help that person is just to be there and love them unconditionally.



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"Mara has been blind since birth.
She was born with one eye and very poor
vision in the other eye.
She recently also had to have heart surgery
for a heart attack. She wanted to feel beautiful...
and this photo shoot helped!"
-Angie






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"This is Belen... she has down syndrome and was the sweetest and happiest little baby I've met"- Danielle



"This is Cooper... he has Down Syndrome and is a fun little guy who loves to run around and watch the ducks at the pond."
-Danielle



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Lillian Grace Daniels

"From the moment I met my niece at 2 days old, I knew she would accomplish big things. With her cute little fat rolls and button nose, she stole my heart from the start. Lillie was that weird kid that everyone wanted to be around. She sure never met a stranger. She loved being outdoors with her BFF Leelynn and picking on her little sister, Daphnie. She loved digging in the dirt looking for fossils and crystals. She loved art and making origami. She loved dinosaurs and dreamed of being a paleontologist. Which she accomplished at the young age of 11!

When Lillie was 7 she was diagnosed with a rare cancer called neuroblastoma. She was in stage 4 and started treatment almost immediately. After 2 years of treatment she beat cancers butt and was in remission! Her hair grew back thick and curly. Her energy was back, she could live her life like a kid again and she did!

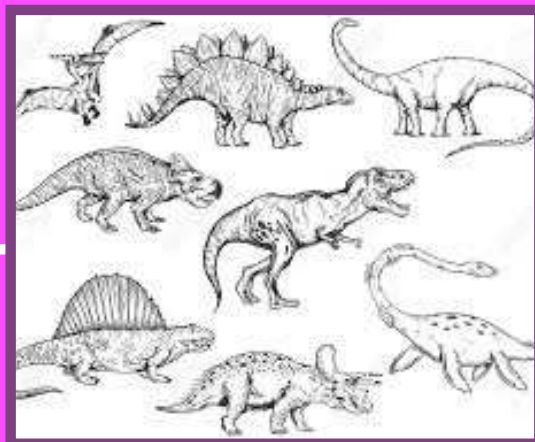
Around Christmas of 2018 she started feeling bad and the fevers were coming back. Lillie had relapsed. She started treatment again. Fighting the fight she once beat. This child, who was wise beyond her years fought the fight once more. We celebrated her 11th birthday in September of 2019. She got to go to Disney, Universal studios, lego land. All of it! She deserved every bit of it. She received her certification in paleontology as a real paleontologist.

20 days after her 11th birthday, Lillie lost her battle, but won eternal life in heaven. To say Lillie is missed is an understatement. If there is anything that I have ever learned from that girl is selflessness, strength, endurance, and faith. She always made sure to pray for her friends on the cancer floor. She was strong in so many different ways. She endured everything that came at her with Grace. She always kept her faith in the lord and is still touching people with her testimony today.

Lillian Grace Daniels will always be remembered by her family and friends.

She's a hard one to forget."

- Brittany Tollefson





Lorelai age 7



Nathaniel age 22

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*Vivian age 3 at photo,
will be 4 this month*

"Mason with his mom and dad- mom is full time support for his autism while dad is in the Army. I met this family while my hubs was stationed at the same duty station as they were."

-Wendy



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"This is Jayce.
He has Autism.
Not only was his mom so happy that she got any photos with him smiling, even not looking. But this and a few other lucky shots we got had him both smiling, looking my way and straight into the camera. All of which have never been caught before so perfectly. It was a blessing to be a part of."

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