

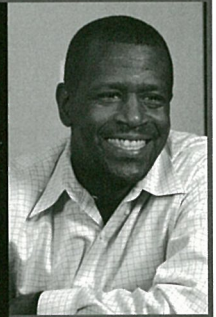
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EDITORIAL

Life Captured Inside a Metal Box

When I picked up a camera for the first time ten years ago, I didn't know the power that this simple tool would provide me with. In one press of the shutter, a photographer records a slice of life that serves as historical document. These documents have the ability to break down stereotypes, change public policy, and can impact our every day lives.

My camera has allowed me to experience things first hand that most people never experience in their lifetime. I have been a witness to the impacts of death. I have seen the jubilation from cadets after a twenty-four hour march. I have viewed the practices of a shunned religion. I have documented the hardships of Liberian refugees in Rochester. All of these things only scrape the surface of what I have photographed. And all the things I have photographed have become part of who I am.

My hope is that through our images people can experience the profound situations we as photographers have documented. I hope that people can feel the emotions we feel when we make the photographs. I hope that we can have an impact on just one person in some way with each photograph. If we can do any of those things than we have been successful as photojournalists.

Throughout this year, we at *Reporter* have brought you images documenting life here on RIT's campus. We have photographed special events as well as highlighted the athleticism of our sports teams. This is our opportunity for us to show you what is outside the safety bubble RIT creates around us. It is also a break from all those words that you normally have to read in *Reporter*.



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Willow Be



end Farm

photography by Michael Sperling



As you drive up the bumpy dirt road to Willow Bend farm, the pungent aroma of livestock fills the air. Over 1,000 cows wait patiently in the barn. They enter the milking parlor three times a day, producing about seven gallons of milk each. Some lie down; while others have their heads buried in the ample food supply lining the troughs in front of them. In another barn, a pregnant cow gives birth to a healthy baby heffer, one of three cows born today, which when old enough will join the other cows to get milked. The farmers are hard at work moving these large stubborn animals from pen to pen, checking on their health, filling up their food, and milking them. The milkman shows up to empty the two huge vats filled with milk into his large silver truck, and transport it to the processing plant. The same routine goes on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This farm has been in the Mueller family for three generations and will be for generations to come. •









“Wish Upon



A Daystar”

photography by Eric Anthony Sucar



Daystar, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, Inc. opened its doors in 1988 as a certified foster home for infants with special needs. Since the arrival of the first high-risk infant on Thanksgiving Day in 1988, the Sisters have lovingly provided 24-hour foster care for over 70 children. Recently, Daystar expanded its services to offer childcare and respite for medically fragile infants and their families. The Daystar staff includes a neonatal nurse, the Sisters, trained childcare providers, and many dedicated volunteers. Each volunteer brings his/her own special gifts that add to the comfort, care, and happiness of each child. •



Above: Two-year old Jaron, born to a single mom, suffered birth asphyxia resulting in cerebral palsy. He is blind. Jaron has never been fed by mouth and currently requires 20 hours of G-tube feeding a day.

Right: Two-year old Jaron has to be strapped into this stand while he receives his daily oxygen therapy.

Top Right: Fourteen-month old Nia is a victim of shaken baby syndrome. Her injuries included a fractured skull and subdural hematoma. She was developmentally appropriate before the injury, but has regressed six months since. Her right side was affected.

Far Right: 70% of Daystar's babies were born to drug and/or alcohol addicted mothers. 60% were admitted directly from area hospitals with a variety of medical complications related to prematurity and genetic abnormalities. The infants cared for require 24-hour monitoring with life support machines, feeding tubes, tracheostomies, and numerous medications as part of their routine care.







Top: For seventeen-month old Evelyn (left), lunch time is both a chore and a difficult effort for the nurses at Daystar. Evelyn is in Preventive Daycare because her mother is not able to care for her medical needs. She has chronic lung disease requiring oxygen therapy and is failing to thrive on G-tube feedings. Sean (right), who can eat meals by himself without assistance or being asked to, was born to a dysfunctional family incidence of domestic violence. He is with Daystar fulltime while his mother is in an in-house drug detox program.



Above: Christine, mother of eight-year old Steven Alexander, gives her baby a kiss during pick up time. "The best part of my day is when I pick my baby up," says Christine.

Left: One-year old Zoe (left) has an extremely rare genetic condition (Aicardi-Goutierre Syndrome). Zoe has severe developmental delays, spasticity, and profound retardation due to progressive brain atrophy. Zoe is also blind.

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