

GREATER CEDAR RAPIDS AREA HELP-PORTRAIT (GCRAHP)



All new *and* previous GCRAHP volunteers need to sign up via the link on our website:
<http://gcrahelpportrait.com/volunteer/>

Needs: studio photographers, photo assistants,
photo editors, hair stylists. Dec 5, 2015

Welcome.

Thank you for signing up for our newsletter.

I'm not a creative writer and therefore won't give you information overload. My goal is to get one newsletter out to you within each of the 4 seasons of the year. In each newsletter:

- *Updates on the agencies we are partnering with for the next GCRAHP

- *Locations, if set.

- *A story from a local GCRAHP volunteers on how this event touched their heart.

- *As we get closer, I'll give updates on event flow and any tips I can pass on for the event.

- *And finally event photos of course!

~Amy Mueggenberg

GCRAHP Coordinator

2015 AGENCIES / LOCATIONS

HACAP Transitional Housing @ Inn Circle.
Operation Home (veterans) @ Inn Circle.

We are currently working on a few other agencies in our hope to be shooting at 3 to 4 locations for 2015.



GCRAHP:

A global movement of photographers and volunteers using their time, gear & expertise to give back to those in need



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STORY

My name is Elizabeth Reichers and I am a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. On Saturday, December 7, 2013, I had the privilege to participate in the first Help Portrait event in the Cedar Rapids/Marion, Iowa area. As Mary Kay consultants, we assisted families with makeup for their portrait.

The first family we worked with consisted of a mother, father and a 7 year-old daughter. When they first came in the mother was a little nervous about doing makeup as she had not worn any for several years. We assured her she was already beautiful, but we would just help her enhance her natural beauty, not try to make her look like someone else. She was open to this and we walked her through putting on eye, cheek and lip colors. Her daughter also wanted to try some lip gloss which we gave her. When they left to have their pictures all 3 of them had big smiles on their faces and thanked us several times.

After their pictures were taken the mother came back into our "makeup" room and said:

"I just want to thank you again for everything you did. My husband pulled me aside after we left the room and told me I looked just beautiful. Thank you so much."

She then went on to say:

"Last night we didn't know what we were going to wear so we went to Goodwill and I found this sweater (it was a beautiful pink/mauve color), a sweater dress for our daughter and a pink shirt for my husband. We figured with what we had at home we could probably put something together. We never expected to have everything look so nice. We really appreciate everything you did for us. Thank you."

We told her it was our pleasure and how beautiful she really did look, and thanked her for taking the time to come back and tell us.

After she left I said to the other Mary Kay consultants – "She just made my day! To see how happy she was and to know we had a small part in helping her and her family feel beautiful and good about herself made the whole day worth it."

To me that is what this program is all about and why I can't wait to participate again next year!

Note: this was the first family of the day. We had several other families come back and thank us and tell us their story.

Elizabeth Reichers
Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant



Join us at our
next GCRAHP
event on
Dec 5, 2015