## Rebecca Phoenix Named "Children's Portrait Specialist"

Rebecca Phoenix of Portland, Oregon, has been selected as the "Children's Portrait Specialist" for her expertise in baby and children portrait photography.

Phoenix, who photographs almost 4,000 children each year, was recently chosen for the honor by Sears Portrait Studios, one of the nation's foremost specialists in portraits of babies and children. She was selected from a field of approximately 2,000 portrait studio photographers across the

Photographers were judged on the basis of experience, consistent portrait quality, personality, energy and their ability to work with and photograph babies and children.

Judges narrowed the field to six finalists, then as independent organization selected the winner and runner-up.

As part of her new position as "Children's Portrait Specialist," Phoenix will be visiting local portrait studios throughout the country offering tips to photgraphers and conducting photo sessions.

"I'm honored to have been selected for this position," Phoenix said. 'I'm especially excited about meeting and working with my colleagues at other studios around the country."

Phoenix's expertise also will be available to the general public. Over the next several months, she will be photographing children by appointment at local Sears Portrait Studios across the United States. Each parent who brings their child to be photographed by Phoenix will receive one 8" x 10" portrait of their child at no cost -a \$15 value.

Phoenix, 28, is a district manager for more than ten Sears Portrait Studios throughout Oregon and southwest Washington state. As a district manager, she works with other photographers to ensure that each portrait taken has a consistently excellent quality. "We want parents to know their child's portrait is the very best it can possibly be," Phoenix said.

She also trains photographers and studio management to use the tools and aids to make children look their best in portraits. Other duties include training the sales staff to help customers select the best portrait package for their needs.

Phoenix holds a degree in communications and began her career as a photographer five years ago. She says she uses many of her communication skills to relate to children and to find that perfect smile.

Phoenix says she truly enjoys working with children, stepping into their world and discovering what makes them respond for the camera. "Leaving at the end of the day is the hardest part of my job!" she said



SETTING THE STAGE-Rebecca Phoenix, "Children's Portrait Specialist" for Sears Portrait Studios, uses Barney Beagle to get a smile or laugh from these two children as mom looks on. Rebecca works with Sears' exclusively designed Video Vision camera system,

which features a mounted camera attached to a television monitor, freeing her to spend more time posing the child. The system is operated by remote control.

### **CPR Classes Scheduled**

Two classes in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) are scheduled in June at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin. The classes are scheduled on Monday, June 22, from 1-5 pm, and June 24 from 6-10 pm. The new, 1987 CPR standards from the American Heart Association are used in the Meridian Park curriculum. The new standards are of particular interest to people of the community who wish to participate in these basic life support classes as they are easier to learn and remember in an emergency.

Meridian Park's classes teach a one-person rescue technique. Infant and child CPR are optional, but are also available during the class times, for those who wish to participate. Group sessions may be

Fee for the four hour class is \$10, and pre-registration is required. For registration/information call the Community Education office at the Tualatin hospital, 692-2656.

### **Red Cross Babysitting** Class Scheduled

Red Cross offers boys and girls 11 years and older an opportunity to develop their knowledge and chances for babysitting jobs through a Red Cross Babysitting course scheduled at the Red Cross Headquarters Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., on Tuesday and Thursday, June 23 and 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

This 8-hour class is presented as a community service by Red Cross volunteer babysitting instructors. They will explain the responsibilities of watching small children, elementary first aid, how to deal with emergencies, how to interview for a job, what to expect of parents who hire you and what parents expect from the sitter.

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