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To Whom It May Concern:

Richard and Michele Steckel's photographic projects have presented, in heartwarming and moving ways, the simple, everyday life events we share as humans. It connects us across racial, ethnic or religious lines to see children broadly smiling after losing a tooth, or families celebrating a birth or mourning a death. The Steckel's photographs increase understanding and respect across cultures, allowing us to move beyond stereotypes to understand our common human responses to the cycle of life.

*Mission
Statement*

"Since 1913:
"to stop the defamation
of the Jewish people
...to secure justice and
fair treatment to all."

When you walk into our offices, the first thing you see is a wall display of the Steckel's photos of a diverse array of children of many faiths and backgrounds. The photos are a perfect introduction to the work the Anti-Defamation League does in promoting respect and understanding among different groups of people.

After seeing the work of the Milestones Project over several years, I am happy to endorse the Steckel's "Shared Joys and Sorrows" project, which promises to build on their previous outstanding work fighting the misunderstandings that keep us from embracing our common humanity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce H. DeBoskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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