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Phillip Whitley
Photographer and Community Service Leader

Phillip Whitley is a professional photographer in Chambersburg, PA who owns and operates his own business, MrPhab Photos. He works with both individuals and families to capture precious memories, as well as local organizations to shine a light on injustices and social issues experienced by marginalized people in Franklin County. Over the past year, he has used his artistic talents to create four community exhibitions: Black Girl Magic, Pose4Pride, Down Syndrome Awareness, and his current exhibition Franklin County's Female Firsts. These projects not only helped spread awareness of issues these groups face, but have raised thousands of dollars to support local groups serving these populations. In the fall of 2019, Phillip partnered with United Way of Franklin County to tell the stories of three local families working hard yet struggling to survive through powerful imagery in The Power of ALICE exhibit.

Phillip was raised in Franklin County, PA, and was homeschooled for most of his education where he enjoyed learning photography online. As a young adult, he served as a bartender and spent many years struggling to make ends meet. He took up photography as a fun artistic outlet, which led to buying his first professional camera in 2016. Since then, his photography business has grown and flourished, turning his hobby into a successful professional career.

Phillip's childhood was filled with traveling with his family for missionary work, which exposed him to many different people and cultures around the world. On these missions he learned the immense value of volunteering and the personal fulfillment that comes from helping others. While his religious beliefs have shifted in his adulthood, those experiences growing up greatly influenced and inspired Phillip to use his camera, time and talents to help lift others up and shine a light on ostracized people that are so often hidden in the dark. In addition to serving others through his photography, he is Chair of the Chambersburg Satellite Rotary Club, Vice-Chair of Pride Franklin County, and a board member of Rotary Club of Chambersburg.

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