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CAPTURING CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 2007

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The holidays come and go so quickly, that is why it is important to savor every moment. This month, we have come up with our favorite things to help you "Capture Christmas."

For a lot of parents with newborns, this will truly be a Christmas to

remember. Picking the perfect outfit for your little bundle of joy is one moment to treasure forever. At More Than You Can Imagine we found the most adorable "Baby's First Christmas" stitched onesies, complete with a Santa hat! For toddlers, owner Vicki Rizzo brought in cute reindeer booties and colorful holiday-inspired hair barrettes to her boutique. Giving ornaments for Christmas is truly memorable for many reasons. In fact, you could start a family tradition. Every year, give a new ornament to your son, daughter, niece or nephew. Just imagine, by the time they are grown they will have enough to cover an entire tree from top to bottom, and it is all because of your thoughtfulness.

Now is the perfect time to get creative with N'Chic, a boutique that lets you become a fashion designer. For the holidays, you can personalize gifts, such as wine-bottle covers, stockings and T-Shirts with a variety of embellishments, iron-on patches, fabrics and letters. Even if you are not quite sure what to do, owner Natalie Knight gives you plenty of examples to get your creative juices flowing. Last year, we made our own holiday jeans. We put "Fa, La, La, La, La" down the side of one pair and "Ho, Ho, Ho!" on the other -- talk about trendy, not to mention being a conversation piece. We received compliments left and right at every party we went to. Lastly, before you bake all those Christmas cookies, be sure to make your own personalized apron first -- for yourself or someone else. N'Chic carries a variety of sizes. You may want to even create matching aprons for you and your kids. Can't you just see the pictures now?!

Waking up on Christmas morning is so exciting. Most of you probably remember as a child the excitement and anticipation to open your presents under the tree. Now you get to ex-

perience it all over again in the eyes of your children. Lauren Eagle is a local professional photographer, who captures memorable moments on camera

for a living. To make sure you do not miss a moment, she is giving us all a few tips. First things first HAVE FUN!

It is important to relax and just start taking pictures.

Candid shots, of course, are our personal favorites.

During the holidays, the most important thing is to document the moment and not to worry too much about getting the correct exposure or crop.

Because so many of your family members are in town for Christmas, this might be when you can get your grandparents and parents to sit down and tell your family history on camera. Many of you probably already have some kind of recording device, such as a video camera. Legacy Multimedia is a company, which offers a full palette of video, photo and digital imaging services to create personal biographies. Directors Stefani Twyford and Isabella MacCrimmon are ex-

perts in preserving personal legacies for future generations. Creating a personalized biography of your own family history is something you can pass down from generation to generation. Over the holidays, gather family pictures from other relatives, so you can compile them into a photo archive for a family slide show or DVD. If you need an old photo restored, Legacy Multimedia can do that too. Before the pictures and stories are or forgotten forever, put them all together to preserve your past. Then, perhaps every holiday season you can show everyone the results. It will be fun to sit back, laugh and relive every moment all over again.

### Resources for Capturing Christmas:

**More than You can Imagine:** 713.668.8811  
www.morethanyoucanimagine.com

**N'Chic:** 713.864.9488 www.nchiconline.com

**Lauren Eagle Photography:** 713.256.4321  
www.laureneaglephotography.com

**Legacy Multimedia:** 281.381.9550 or go to  
www.legacymultimedia.com

