

SMILE MAKER

If documenting the unique journey that is the essence of life itself, you may want to take a look at some of the moments Samantha Scott has captured on camera over the years.

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Samantha Scott is in the business of creating beautiful still-frame heirlooms that are passed down through the generations via her photography of babies, children and families. "The bond between parents and babies is one of the strongest forces in nature," says Scott, owner of Sam I Am Photography. "Romances come and go, but once you've fallen for your baby, you're hooked for life."

And she says she has a unique connection with Key Biscayne families. "If you take a look around, this place is paradise, a hidden nook right off the Magic City that's sheltered from the distractions of big-city life," she says. "Kids really get to be kids here and that makes my job a pleasure."

But Scott wasn't always focused on family portraits and documenting precious moments. After nearly a decade in the fashion and commercial world, she decided to focus on what she believes is her true calling. "As a mother, I understand just how important it is to document each stage of your child's life," she says. "My daughter's laugh, her first tooth, the way she looks when she's trying to pronounce a new word, her messy face after an ice cream cone, her moody pout when she doesn't get what she wants...The photos I have of her are priceless and I enjoy giving that same gift to my clients."

"I know that everybody says a picture is worth a thousand words, but when you can capture a single image that really conveys someone's spirit, it's worth so much more," she says. "Everybody changes, kids grow up, time flies by...but photographs have the power to freeze all that, allowing one single moment to last a lifetime."

When asked to describe her work in one word, Scott doesn't hesitate. "Everlasting," she says. To get photos of your family that you'll want to cherish for eternity, visit Samiamphotography.com. **KB**

