







## Why have

### ceremonies for Families and Children?



elebrants perform many kinds of ceremonies for families and children, including baby namings and welcomings, ceremonies for adoptive families, coming of age celebrations for adolescents and ceremonies marking birthdays, grad-uations, family reunions and more.



Welcoming ceremonies for new family members, whether by birth, adoption or marriage, have existed in virtually every culture and country. Publicly marking the entry of new members into our families is perhaps one of the most joyous celebrations we can share, and acknowledging our responsibilities to our children one of the most serious commitments we can undertake.

Children also experience other important milestones, particularly when they pass from adolescence to adulthood. Ceremony can play a vital role in guiding your teenager through this coming of age transition, as your child takes on more mature responsibilities in the family and society. The child's input in designing a ceremony meaningful to him or her is vital.

Ceremonies provide signposts for our lives. Celebrating life's milestones together honors our past, shapes our present and molds our future.

## How are

# Celebrant Ceremonies unique?



he Celebrant's mission is to create a ceremony that reflects your needs, beliefs, cultural background and values. In a Celebrant ceremony, your family is empowered. Nothing is imposed on you. Instead, in a collaborative process, the Celebrant will guide you in choosing rituals, readings, symbols and music to fulfill your family's ideals. The Celebrant will meet with you at a interview to discuss your vision of the ceremony, consult with you until the ceremony is approved by you, and perform the ceremony with care, professionalism and warmth.

# Who should choose a Certified Life-Cycle® Celebrant?



nyone & everyone! Whether you are secular, religious, spiritual, nondenominational, part of an interfaith or multi-cultural couple, or if you simply wish to express yourself in a manner of your own choosing, a Celebrant can help you create a ceremony that respects all that is meaningful to you.

"Words could never express our gratitude for all the magnificence that you contributed to our daughter's naming ceremony. We deeply appreciate the hard work, creativity, commitment and LOVE that you demonstrated to our family in helping to make the day truly special."

~ Parents, reflecting on their daughter's naming ceremony

To locate a certified Celebrant near you or to learn how to become a certified Celebrant, visit us at www.celebrantinstitute.org.

#### The Celebrant Foundation & Institute

is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to helping individuals, couples, families and communities mark life's milestones with personalized ceremonies. Celebrants have performed over one million ceremonies worldwide. Celebrants officiate at virtually every life event, including weddings and commitments, funerals and memorials, baby namings and adoptions. With a focus on personalizing each ceremony to reflect the needs, beliefs and values of the couple or family, Celebrants are trained in the art of ceremony.



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