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IMAGE LIST

Image 1

Mom photographing me, inkjet print, 20x30", \$800

Image 2

Heather, Carson, and Mom, inkjet print, 20x30", \$800

Image 3

Heather and Emmy, inkjet print, 20x30", \$800

Image 4

Ryan and Paige, inkjet print, 20x30", \$800

Image 5

Mom (when the dress, shoes, and eyeshadow match), inkjet print, 20x30", \$800

STATEMENT

This series, *Comfort Zone*, examines intimacy, distance and nurture within my well-rehearsed role as a parentified child. My place in the family as the eldest of five pushed me out of my childhood too fast and left me with the weight of an adult role, often taking away the play and freedom I saw in my siblings. I longed to receive the nurture I gave out, yet for the majority of my early years acted like I was "fine".

These images were made each summer over the course of a decade while on family vacations that were planned and executed by my parents. I am transported backwards into my childhood while sitting as a passenger in the back of a rental minivan, living in a womb-like place of enmeshment. The camera is passed to my mom when I show up in the images, unearthing the layered ways in which a mother and daughter see each other. This work is an act of self-nurture that lets me engage with my family in a new way while revealing lingering dynamics from our past.