

About Tom McQueen

Author of Letters to Ethan: A Grandfather's Legacy of Life and Love



As a licensed marriage and family therapist for over 25 years and president of the American Family Foundation, Tom McQueen is an expert in family relationships. But what has taught him most about life, love and family is his role as a father and grandfather.

In his new book, *Letters to Ethan: A Grandfather's Legacy of Life and Love* (Seraphina Press, 978-0-9841965-9-3, November 2010), which was recently nominated for Excellence in Media's 2010 "Angel Award," of which previous winners include Tom Hanks, Diane Sawyer, Randy Travis and the acclaimed movie, "The Blind Side," McQueen shares his wisdom through 33 letters he penned to his young grandson, Ethan, offering advice on topics ranging from faith to friendship to fun.

Never knowing his paternal grandparents due to their premature deaths, McQueen always wished they left something behind to explain their viewpoints on family and life in general. This childhood wish inspired him to write letters to his son and grandson, documenting the mistakes and miracles of his life.

Born in Utica, N.Y., McQueen graduated from St. Hyacinth College and Seminary before receiving his master's in divinity from Christ the King Seminary. McQueen worked as a marriage and family therapist for 25 years and was an independent contractor for Fortune 500 companies working as a performance, process and profit improvement facilitator.

As a result of his work with families and youth, McQueen was personally invited to the White House Conference on Youth by then President Richard Nixon. The mayor of Pensacola, Fla., also asked McQueen to lead the city in creating a statement of core values after the city was decimated by abortion clinic bombings.

As president of The American Family Foundation, McQueen has helped launch the Legacy Nation campaign, where parents and grandparents can upload their own letters to their children on the campaign website. The 2011 Legacy Nation tour will present parents and grandparents with information on how to make a positive impact on the lives of their children and grandchildren. Parents can also join the Legacy Nation Child Protection Technology Team, which will provide the most advanced technological resources available to reduce the incidents of child abductions and exploitation.

Although *Letters to Ethan* marks McQueen's debut as an author, he has written several business and self-help books such as *Near-life Experiences: Discovering New Powers for Personal Growth*, which encourages readers to take advantage of daily opportunities. McQueen's articles have also been published in magazines and he has been featured in the *Orlando Sentinel*, *Pensacola News Journal* and *St. Petersburg Times*.

McQueen resides in Florida with his wife of 31 years, Dottie, and enjoys spending time with his son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Alison, and his grandchildren Kaelynn and Ethan. In addition to his volunteer work as the president of the American Family Foundation, McQueen hosts free workshops for churches. For more information, visit www.legacynationusa.com and www.letterstoethan.com.

To schedule an interview with McQueen or to receive a review copy of *Letters to Ethan*, please contact Lindsay Marshall at (512) 478-2028 ext. 215 or lmarshall@phenixpublicity.com.