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April 27, 2007

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Colorado Springs, Colorado

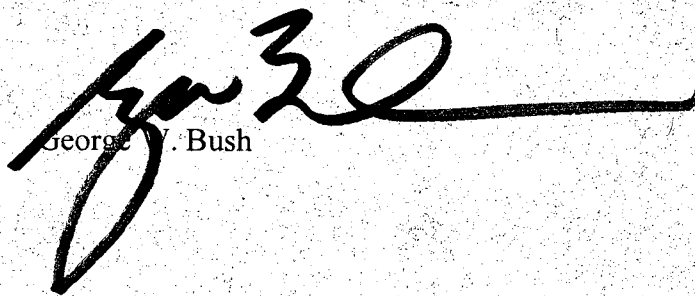
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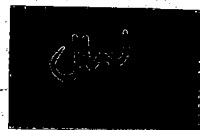
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Aulds, Amanda B.

From: Weinstein, Jared B.
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 7:14 PM
To: Aulds, Amanda B.; Sherzer, David; Keller, Karen E.
Cc: Hipp, Duke; Watson, Kerri S.; Johnson, Matthew S.; Wallingford, Jane M.
Subject: RE: Jim Dobson

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Tim Goeglein has requested a letter to Jim Dobson congratulating him on the 30th anniversary of Focus on the Family. We have sent Dr. Dobson h/s letters in the past.

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Bio: <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/press/focusvoices/A000000025.cfm#>

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Date: 4/18/07

To: Amanda Aulds
From: Office of Public Liaison Nm Goeglein

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- Per Our Conversation
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- Per Your Request
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Comments: Amanda: Can you kindly draft a letter from the President to Dr. Dobson commending him on 30 years ministry at Focus on the Family? This would be a big hit. Cheers and thanks, ts g



The Family

*Thirty years:
the ministry
of Dr. James
Dobson and
Focus on
the Family*

by Paul J. Batura

As dusk descended on the city of Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 16, 2006, Dr. James Dobson was a man torn, wishing he could be in two places at one time.

Within the hour, he would be addressing a capacity crowd at Two Rivers Baptist Church, urging attendees to vote their conscience in the upcoming midterm election. A seasoned speaker who still treats every engagement with a similar intensity, the popular radio host and best-selling author had spent the majority of the day secluded in his hotel room in earnest preparation. But on this drizzly night, the founder and chairman of Focus on the Family was distracted. And a bit giddy, too.

Moments before he took the stage, he had received a

phone call from his son, Ryan, telling him that Lincoln Cash Dobson had been born 30 seconds earlier. Dr. Dobson glided to the podium and announced that he was a grandfather for the first time. Three thousand people cheered enthusiastically as he went on to talk about the institution of the family and why we must support those caring for the next generation of Americans.

"Sons," wrote the psalmist, "are a heritage from the LORD," and on this particular fall evening, the elder Dobson and Shirley, his wife of 46



Doctor

years, were eager to return to Colorado Springs, Colo., to be with their boy. Immediately after the speech, Dr. and Mrs. Dobson hurried to the airport. They arrived at the hospital around midnight, in time to hold a sleepy grandson and hug the proud mother, Laura. "Lincoln is gorgeous and obviously brilliant," the new grandfather said.

Triumphs

The circumstances of the situation were fitting: Balancing the demands of family with the expectations of everyday life has been a common theme of Dr. Dobson's ministry since its inception in 1977. Now, as Focus on the Family celebrates its 30th

anniversary, some of its players may have changed, but its mission has not: to turn the hearts of all God's children toward home.

In the arc of human history, three decades is a blink of the eye, a mere pause in the middle of a sentence. But it's also the equivalent of the rise and maturation of a generation.

When the first Focus on the Family radio broadcast was aired on March 27, 1977, President Jimmy Carter was only in his third month of office. Elvis Presley was still *really* alive and a little film called *Star Wars* was two months away from its debut. Ronald Reagan was thinking about the presidency, and

James Dobson was starting to think about public policy for the first time.

To meet Dr. James Dobson is to encounter a man who savors the joys of life but who also feels the pangs brought by the rapid passage of time. "Thank You, Lord, for the time we've been together," prayed his own father just months before his death in December of 1977, "which we know we cannot keep."

In the seasons since that prescient prayer, Dr. Dobson has birthed a worldwide radio and print ministry, raised two children, met with prime ministers, served three presidents and written over 30 best-selling books. His voice is heard on more

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From: Campbell Intern, Catherine E.
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 2:26 PM
To: Aulds, Amanda B.
Subject: RE: Jim Dobson



Hi Amanda,
I just got your email. I'm so sorry, the best address is

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→ we have sent many letters here in the past - see IQ record - At

It's important to put Sherrie's name on it, that way it goes straight to him. We don't have a home address on file. Thank you so much! Let me know if I should call for the home. Thanks! Have a good day!
Catherine

From: Aulds, Amanda B.
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 9:52 AM
To: Campbell Intern, Catherine E.
Cc: Wallingford, Jane M.; Johnson, Matthew S.
Subject: Jim Dobson

Hi Catherine,
We received Tim's request for a letter to Jim Dobson regarding the 30th anniversary of Focus on the Family. What is the best mailing address for him?
Thanks!
Amanda



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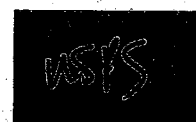
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▼ **Primary Addresses**

Business: **Founder and Chairman, Focus on the Family**, 8605 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80995-0001, County: EL PASO

- Other people with this organization are: Mr. Tom Minnery and Associates, Mr. John Tracy and Petitioners, Mrs. Shirley Dobson, Mr. James D. Daly, Ms. Kathy Dooley.

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Best-Selling Books

Dr. Dobson's first book for parents and teachers, *Dare to Discipline*, has sold more than 4.5 million copies and was selected as one of 50 books to be rebound and placed in the White House Library. It has now been revised and updated as *The New Dare to Discipline*. He has now written 36 books, including:

- *The New Hide or Seek*
- *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*
- *Preparing for Adolescence*
- *Straight Talk to Men*

IN RECOGNITION

of distinguished service in preserving the family, Dr. James Dobson has been recognized with academic honors over the past 20 years.

- *Emotions: Can You Trust Them?*
- *Love Must Be Tough*
- *Parenting Isn't for Cowards*
- *Love for a Lifetime*
- *Children at Risk*
- *When God Doesn't Make Sense*
- *Life on the Edge*
- *Home With a Heart*
- *Coming Home*
- *In the Arms of God*
- *Night Light: A Devotional for Couples*
- *Bringing Up Boys*
- *Night Light for Parents*
- *Marriage Under Fire*
- *The New Strong-Willed Child*

Film and Video Projects

His first film series, "Focus on the Family," has now been seen by over 70 million people. His second film series, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home," was released in January 1986. A third seven-part series, "Life on The Edge", designed to help late teens bridge the gap between adolescence and young adulthood, was released in early 1994. In 2002, he produced an eleven-part series based on his best-selling book, "Bringing up Boys;" and in 2005, he recorded the "Your Child" Essentials of Discipline Video seminar, which presents his time-honored childrearing principles to a new generation of parents.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Dobson was chosen as Layman of the Year by the National Association of Evangelicals in 1982. He was honored in 1987 as "The Children's Friend" by CHILDHELP USA, an organization devoted to the prevention of child abuse. He received the Alumni Merit Award from the University of Southern California General Alumni Association (1989); the Humanitarian Award by the California State Psychological Association (1988); the "Philip Award" from the United Methodist Church (1994); the "1996 Man of the Year Award" by the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists; and 1997 International Human Life Award from Human Life International; Salvation Army "Others" Award (1999); the "Christian Counseling in the Media Award" from the Board of Directors of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS)(1999); the Catholic Alliance Family Advocate of the Year Award (2001); and the "Proudly Pro-Life Award," given by the National Right to Life (2002); the "Churchill Award" for Courageous and Committed Service to the Conservative Cause from the Council for National Policy (2002); the Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Tom Landry Award" (2003); and Marketplace Ministries "Integrity in Family Award" (2004); Promise Keepers "Trail Blazer Award" (2005); and was inducted into Indiana Wesleyan University's Society of World Changers (2005); and the First

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Laws from
Pepperdine University
(1983)

Doctor of Humanities from
Franciscan University of
Steubenville, Ohio (1988)

Doctor of Humane Letters
from *Seattle Pacific*
University (1988)

Doctor of Humane Letters
from *Asbury Theological*
Seminary (1989)

Honorary Doctor of
Humane Letters from
MidAmerica Nazarene
College (1992)

Doctor of Letters from
Liberty University (1993)

Doctor of Humane Letters
from *Campbell University*
(1994)

Doctor of Humane Letters
from *Point Loma Nazarene*
College (1994)

Doctor of Literature from
Biola University (1995),

Doctor of Humanities from
Abilene Christian
University (1995)

Doctor of Humane Letters
from *Huntington College*
(1997)

Doctor of Public Service
from *Greenville College*
(1997)

Baptist Church of Dallas' "W.A. Criswell Lifetime Christian Citizenship Award" (2006).

Advocate for the Family

Dr. Dobson has been heavily involved in governmental activities related to the family. He served on the task force which summarized the White House Conference on Families and received a special commendation from President Jimmy Carter in 1980. He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the National Advisory Commission to the office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 1982-84. From 1984-87 he was regularly invited to the White House to consult with President Reagan and his staff on family matters. He served as co-chairman of the Citizens Advisory Panel for Tax Reform, in consultation with President Reagan, and served as a member and later chairman of the United States Army's Family Initiative, 1986-88.

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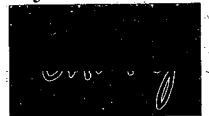
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*from Indiana Wesleyan
University (2005).*

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Dr. Dobson is married to Shirley, and the father of two grown children, Danae and Ryan. The Dobsons reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

For more information, contact Gary Schneeberger at (719) 548-5853 or press@family.org, or Sonja Swiatkiewicz at (719) 548-4634 or culturalissues@family.org.



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Our Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

Why Focus on the Family exists and what helps this organization steer the course.

Focus on the Family's Mission Statement: To cooperate with the Holy Spirit in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible by nurturing and defending the God-ordained institution of the family and promoting biblical truths worldwide.

Vision: Redeemed families, communities, and societies worldwide through Christ.

Guiding Principles: Since Focus on the Family's primary reason for existence is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a practical outreach to homes, we have firm beliefs about both the Christian faith and the importance of the family. This ministry is therefore based upon six guiding philosophies that are apparent at every level throughout the organization. These "pillars" are drawn from the wisdom of the Bible and the Judeo-Christian ethic, rather than from the humanistic notions of today's theorists. In short, Focus on the Family is a reflection of what we believe to be the recommendations of the Creator Himself, who ordained the family and gave it His blessing.

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The Preeminence of Evangelism

We believe that the ultimate purpose of life is to know and glorify God and to attain eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, beginning within our own families and then reaching out to a suffering humanity that needs to embrace His love and sacrifice.

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'" Mark 16:15

The Permanence of Marriage

We believe that the institution of marriage is a sacred covenant designed by God to model the love of Christ for His people and to serve both the public and private good as the basic building block of human civilization. Marriage is intended by God to be a thriving, lifelong relationship between a man and a woman enduring through trials, sickness, financial crises and emotional stresses. Therefore, Christians are called to defend and protect God's marriage design and to minister in Christ's name to those who suffer the consequences of its brokenness.

"'Haven't you read,' He replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.'" Matthew 19:4-6

The Value of Children



We believe that children are a heritage from God and a blessing from His hand. Parents are therefore accountable to Him for raising, shaping and preparing them for a life of service to His Kingdom and to humanity.

"Has not the Lord made them [a husband and wife] one? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring." Malachi 2:15

The Sanctity of Human life

We believe that human life is created by God in His image. It is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, including the preborn, the aged, the mentally disabled, those deemed unattractive, the physically challenged, and every other condition in which humanness is expressed from the single cell stage of development to natural death. Christians are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14a

The Importance of Social Responsibility

We believe that God has ordained the social institutions of family, church, and government for the benefit of mankind and as a reflection of His divine nature. Therefore, Christians are called to support these institutions, according to God's design and purpose, and to protect them against destructive social influences. Such involvement is in obedience to Christ's lordship over all creation and is required by His command to care for the well-being of all people.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

"And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body." Ephesians 1:22-23a

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." Romans 13:1

The Value of Male and Female

We believe that God created humans in His image, intentionally male and female, each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships. Sexuality is a glorious gift from God to be offered back to Him either in marriage for procreation, union and mutual delight or in celibacy for undivided devotion to Christ. Christians are called to proclaim the truth and beauty of God's design and the redemption of sexual brokenness in our lives and culture through Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the

pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

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Our Ministries

A description of the various Focus on the Family ministries

There's more to Focus on the Family that meets the eye (or ear). Even those who listen regularly to our radio broadcast and have a fairly solid acquaintance with our purposes and philosophy might be surprised at the actual scope of our activities and involvement. From humble and simple beginnings – a book on child discipline and a 25-minute weekly broadcast which first aired in 1977 – Focus on the Family has grown and expanded over the years to include a wide array of separate ministries under its umbrella. The following descriptions, which detail to some extent our purposeful intentions to strengthen, mobilize, and defend families, are intended to provide just a taste of the variety of these programs, projects, and outreaches.

Strengthen Families

As a family-oriented ministry, we must remain relevant in an ever-changing culture and intentional in our efforts to reach out to today's family. The Strengthen Families division accomplishes these goals through several primary initiatives.

Family Ministries

Many of the visible outlets of Focus content fall under the scope of the Family Ministries team. They oversee the My Family initiative, which involves a comprehensive and customized program designed to provide relevant materials to our constituency over the course of their life. Aside from our various print resources, this department seeks to expand Focus' reach through several unique broadcasts in addition to the flagship Focus on the Family program.

Constituent Contact

In order to maintain Focus' signature touch, Correspondence, Counseling, Guest Relations, and the Bookstore minister personally to those who call, write, or visit our facilities. The long-standing friendships created and sustained through these services underscore the importance of individual attention and the time-honored principles of relationship building.

Global Services

Dr. Dobson doesn't speak Chinese but families in China and over 160 other countries hear his broadcasts. When invited to share our message in a new region, Global Services often initiates outreach through the air waves. Working with our 15 associate offices and 71 ministry partners in 54 countries, this team's primary goals are to support existing offices around the world and to increase awareness of Focus' message wherever possible.

Global Resources

The Global Resources division is comprised of several integrated teams responsible for recommending and developing content for Focus products. The Product Development department, which oversees the creation of audio, film, and print resources, is responsible for the beloved Adventures in Odyssey and

Radio Theatre dramas as well as other quality products synonymous with the ministry including the well-known video series, *Your Child and That The World May Know*. Product Management works closely with these groups by providing key support and expertise whereas Marketing and Global Sales work to promote the distribution of the end products, both domestically and internationally. Because Focus is limited in its publishing activities, we rely on the Premiums team to evaluate and acquire products released by outside providers that not only reflect ministry standards, but supplement those areas Focus cannot fully develop on its own.

Integrated Communications

Otherwise known as the "M" group, this team consists of several departments that support and integrate key functions of the ministry. For example, Constituent Insights' research and market analysis determines the impact and value of our message. In order to ensure coordination between departments, those who make up the Planning Services division are involved in strategic planning and campaign development. As for the workflow and process of ministry campaigns, Business Services manages their implementation and execution as well as measurement and accountability. Creative Services provides the artistic expertise necessary to the fields of marketing and design. And finally, Media Services stays tuned into our target audiences and the technology they prefer, ensuring the relevancy of all of our media outlets.

Psychologist in Residence

Dr. Bill Maier plays an active role in day-to-day ministry activities. He works closely with Briargate Media in creating Family Minute with Dr. Bill Maier and has hosted a number of Focus on the Family daily radio broadcasts. He is also able to lend his expertise to other areas of the ministry as projects arise.

Mobilize Families

Donor Ministry

Where would we be without our donors? We rely on them for the funding required to undertake the programs and projects that impact families worldwide. Our financial supporters are the heartbeat of our efforts, and we believe it's critical to let them know how much we value their sacrifices. Whether they're networking with businesses, planning and attending VIP events or having coffee with an elderly donor in her home, members of this team provide the personal touch that conveys to our supporters that they mean the world to us.

College and Student Ministry

Launched in 1995, the Focus on the Family Institute offers college students a life-changing, semester-long experience that helps them develop a healthy Christian worldview and equips them to use this understanding to shape their culture. Participants receive college credit while undergoing intensive training on topics such as public policy, the decline of the family, and the church in society. They're also afforded opportunities to complete an internship related to their future career field. As a means to expand this outreach, in 2005 Focus introduced an online community for college students through TrueU.org. Through relevant articles, discussion boards, and resources, TrueU seeks to develop graduates who are confident in their Christian faith.

Community Impact Outreach

Through several innovative and extensive projects, Community Impact Outreach is working to increase Focus on the Family's influence in both the Christian and secular markets. Through Option Ultrasound™, thousands of preborn babies have been brought to term by previously abortion-minded mothers. Drug Proof Your Kids seeks to equip parents with the tools necessary to proactively educate their children about the dangers of substance abuse. This team also oversees Focus on the Family's The Truth Project™, which was officially launched in 2006. Developed primarily by our own Dr. Del Tackett, this unique program is designed to facilitate "change agents" who will gradually reawaken American society to God's truth, character, and purpose for life.

Church, Clergy, and Medical Review

Research demonstrates that the majority of the clergy in the United States contend with significant stress. They face numerous challenges in their efforts to juggle the pressing needs of their ministry, congregations, families, and often their own spiritual well-being. In an effort to come alongside the pastoral family, the Church and Clergy team seeks to bring practical balance and a sense of priority to their lives. They have also been active in disaster relief efforts, most notably following the Southeast Asian tsunami of 2004 and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005.

The Medical Review department helps to generate and evaluate medical information disseminated by Focus, working to ensure that all of our resources containing health or medical content are accurate and up-to-date. The team works closely with Focus on the Family's Physician's Resource Council, an advisory group made up of more than two dozen medical experts.

Defend Families

Now more than ever, we at Focus recognize the need to make our voices heard in the public square. Judicial tyranny, the homosexual agenda, pornography, and gambling are among the front burner issues that threaten the foundation of the family. In a nation where individual "rights" increasingly trump biblical truth, abortions continue to be performed at alarming rates. On a larger scale, a world unschooled in the value of premarital abstinence is fraught with diseases like AIDS.

Our Defend Families division addresses these issues through a number of venues. In-house experts grapple with contemporary social issues and then produce print pieces and talking points for the Focus audience and the media. Citizen magazine and our Citizenlink Web site provide a biblical perspective on national and local news as well as offer techniques for grassroots activism. Through our daily broadcast and "Family News in Focus" segments, we reach listeners on 1,600 radio stations in the U.S. We also help establish and support independent, state-based Family Policy Councils which articulate a biblical values-based message in the public square. Our popular Love Won Out conferences on homosexuality provide information to individuals who feel trapped in the gay lifestyle, as well as to those who love them.

Focus on the Family Action 501(c)(4)

As Dr. Dobson's concern for the state of our nation grew, so did Focus' efforts to counter the dramatic rejection of biblical values. However, it soon became evident that in order to effectively address the moral, societal, and political issues of the day, Dr. Dobson needed to create a new cultural action organization. Focus on the Family Action was launched in the spring of 2004 by separating out of Focus on the Family those activities that constitute lobbying under the IRS code so that they could be expanded in scope. Since its inception, Focus Action has been instrumental in the battle against judicial tyranny and the fight to protect traditional marriage.

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April 10, 2006

Dr. James C. Dobson
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Jim:

Happy 70th Birthday! Laura and I send our best wishes as you celebrate this special day.

You have led a remarkable and highly accomplished life, and your good work has enriched and strengthened our Nation. I appreciate your leadership and your commitment to family and faith.

May the coming years be filled with health and happiness.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the gifts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, prayers, and your dedication to sharing the good news. Your compassion and service reflect the best of America.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

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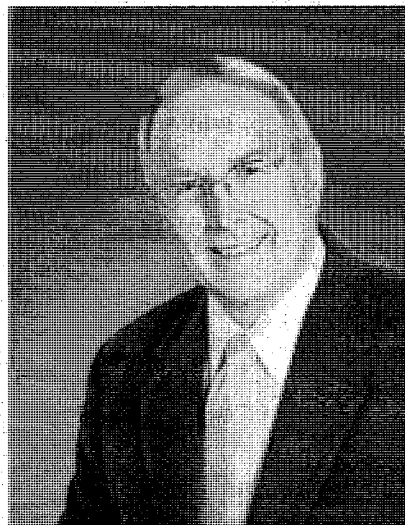
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Dr. James Dobson

Founder and Chairman of the Board



James C. Dobson, Ph.D., is founder and chairman of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization that produces his internationally syndicated radio programs, heard on over 3,000 radio facilities in North America and in twenty seven languages in approximately 4,130 additional facilities in over 160 other countries.

His commentaries are heard by more than 220 million people by way of radio every day, including a translation of a program carried on state-owned radio stations in the Republic of China. He is seen on approximately 60 television stations daily in the U.S.

Dobson was for 14 years an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the Attending Staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in the Division of Child Development and Medical Genetics. He has an earned Ph.D. from the University of Southern California (1967) in the field of child development. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of California and a licensed marriage, family and child counselor in both California and Colorado. He is listed in *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*.

Best-Selling Books

Dr. Dobson's first book for parents and teachers, *Dare to Discipline*, has sold more than 4.5 million copies and was selected as one of 50 books to be rebound and placed in the White House Library. It has now been revised and updated as *The New Dare to Discipline*. He has now written 36 books, including:

- *The New Hide or Seek*
- *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*
- *Preparing for Adolescence*
- *Straight Talk to Men*

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of distinguished service in preserving the family, Dr. James Dobson has been recognized with academic honors over the past 20 years.

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Greetings From Jim Daly

As President and CEO of the organization, I want to thank you for your interest in the ministry.

Welcome to Focus on the Family's Web site! As President and CEO of the organization, I want to thank you for your interest in the ministry. As the successor to Dr. James Dobson as Focus President, I realize the tremendous privilege and responsibility God has given me. Most previously holding the post of Chief Operating Officer, I have been blessed to serve more than 16 years at Dr. Dobson's side, first as Assistant to the President, then as a Vice President since 1997. I look forward to continuing the standards of integrity and excellence he set for this organization over its first quarter-century of ministry.

I want to assure you that Focus is committed to coming alongside you and your loved ones in our work of nurturing and defending families worldwide. Whether you're looking for information on parenting, discipline, addictions, in-laws, health, public policy, or any number of other family-related issues, we're here to help. On this Web site you'll find links to Focus on the Family's various radio programs, as well as access to an impressive resource center full of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and other materials and a vast array of Web-based articles and features. Our earnest desire is to be your one-stop source of information as you embrace the joys and challenges of family life in the 21st century.

If you can't find what you're looking for here on the Web site, I hope you'll feel free to give us a call at 1-800-A-Family or send us a comment online. This ministry thrives on two-way communication with our friends, and we would love to hear from you. Our mission is "to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in disseminating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible, and, specifically, to accomplish that objective by helping to preserve traditional values and the institution of the family."

Once again, thank you for taking the time to visit Focus on the Family's Web site. We welcome your feedback, partnership, and prayers as we endeavor to complete that mission! May God richly bless you and your loved ones.

Jim Daly
President and CEO

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