

## **NET Television Offers Programs to Help Families Deal with Death and Grief**

LINCOLN, Neb. (March 31, 2010) -- Everyone grieves a loss in their own personal way, but discussing death can often help people better cope with tragedy. Two programs airing on NET Television will present strategies that can help families and individuals move forward.

Featuring journalist Katie Couric and the Sesame Street Muppets, "When Families Grieve" shares family stories about coping with the death of a parent. The program harnesses the unique power of the Muppets to support communication between adults and children with language and strategies that are child-appropriate and useful for the whole family. "When Families Grieve" airs Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD.

While Muppets aid discussions between adults and children during the program, Couric presents results of studies that suggest one in 20 American children under the age of 15 experiences the death of a parent from illness, suicide, accident or a war-related incident, and military families are more at risk of experiencing a sudden death. From 2006 to 2007, an estimated 1,345 children from military families lost a parent who was serving in the military. While the death of a parent is one of the most difficult ordeals a child can face, experts on "When Families Grieve" agree the loss is a family event and the entire family needs support during this difficult time.

Following "When Families Grieve," author and former Harvard political science professor Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's thoughts about genocide are examined in "Worse than War," airing at 8 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD. More than half a century after the end of World War II and the Holocaust, "Worse than War" is the first documentary to step back and focus on the general phenomenon of genocide. The program repeats on NET2 on Monday, April 19, at 7 a.m. CT, as well as at 1 and 6 p.m. CT.

"Worse than War" documents Goldhagen's travels, teachings and interviews in nine countries around the world, bringing viewers on an unprecedented journey of insight and analysis. He speaks with victims, perpetrators, witnesses, politicians, diplomats, historians, humanitarian aid workers and journalists, all with the purpose of explaining and understanding the critical features of genocide and how to stop it.

In Rwanda, perpetrators of genocide speak candidly about their participation in mass murders, and how we can prevent the same fate in other countries. In Guatemala, Goldhagen explores the concept of "overkill" with the country's leading forensic pathologist. He also travels to Bosnia to attend the annual commemoration of the worst mass-killing in Europe since World War II, and in Ukraine, Goldhagen returns with his father to the town where he was nearly killed during the Holocaust.

NET1, NET2 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For complete program schedules, visit NET's Web site at [netNebraska.org/television](http://netNebraska.org/television).

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