Dear Reader:

Since its inception in 1998, the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University has been committed to strengthening families and encouraging the support of parents and their children by societies and governments worldwide. The School is involved in a variety of means to that end, including teaching, research, and outreach programs.

One of the earliest initiatives of the School of Family Life was establishing the *Marriage & Families* Magazine in 1999. From its first issue until the issue you are reading today, the magazine has been enthusiastically received by tens of thousands of readers throughout the United States, Canada, and beyond. *Marriage & Families* has consistently featured thought-provoking articles on such topics as:

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- Avoiding the Credit Trap
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With best wishes.

James M. Harper  
Director

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