

Biographical Profile of Jim Stovall

Jim Stovall has overcome blindness to become a National Champion Olympic Weightlifter, a successful investment broker, entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker. He is co-founder and president of the Narrative Television Network, which makes movies and television accessible for our nation's 13 million blind and visually impaired people and their families. Although originally designed for the blind and visually impaired, over 60% of NTN's nationwide audience is made up of fully-sighted people who simply enjoy the programming.

Jim Stovall hosts the Network's talk show, "NTN Showcase." His guests have included Katharine Hepburn, Jack Lemmon, Carol Channing, Steve Allen and Eddie Albert, as well as many others. The Narrative Television Network has received an Emmy Award and an International Film and Video Award among its many industry honors.

NTN has grown to include over 1200 cable systems and broadcast stations, reaching over 35 million homes in the United States, and NTN is shown in 11 foreign countries. NTN programming is also presented via the Internet at Narrative TV.com, serving millions of people around the world.

In 2007, Stovall's best-selling novel, "The Ultimate Gift" was released in its film version by 20th Century Fox. The movie, by the same name, was filmed primarily in North Carolina and produced by Rick Eldridge of The Film Foundry, based in Charlotte. Academy award nominee 10-year old Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") stars in the film alongside veterans of the stage and screen Jim Garner, Lee Merriweather, Brian Dennehy and rising star Drew Fuller. The universal yet profound insights of his book became the keys that continue to unlock incredible new hope, joy and meaning for individuals, families, schools and public-service organizations throughout the world.

Jim Stovall joined the ranks of Walt Disney, Orson Welles and four US presidents when he was selected as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Americans," by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has appeared on "Good Morning, America" and CNN, and has been featured in Reader's Digest, TV Guide and Time Magazine. Jim Stovall is the author of previous books, including *You Don't Have to Be Blind to See*, *Success Secrets of Super Achievers*, and *The Way I See the World*. The President's Committee on Equal Opportunity selected Jim Stovall as the 1997 Entrepreneur of the Year.