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## **NATIONAL PARENTING CENTER SAYS TO “LOG-OFF” THE COMPUTER AND “LOG-IN” TO YOUR FAMILY**

### ***Around The Table Games’ “Family Talk” Receives A Fall 2008 National Parenting Center Seal of Approval***

Eureka, MO (August 29, 2008) – The modern age has given us some incredible tools for communication. Why then, with all the cell phones, text messages, emails and IMs (instant messages) has the communication in families actually gotten worse? Families are more “dis”connected than ever. And because a small game company from Eureka, MO has invented a simple way (no internet connection necessary) to help families “log-in” to each other, The National Parenting Center has awarded Around The Table Games’ *Family Talk* card game with its coveted Fall 2008 Seal of Approval.



Here is what The National Parenting Center has to say about *Family Talk*:

#### **Family Talk**

Award Category: Games

Recommended Ages: 4 to 99

Price: \$12.95

“Let’s face it, we can all use a little support when it comes to family bonding these days. There are so many distractions that pull us in every direction. But with Family Talk in hand and the resolve to put down the cell phone, turn off the TV and walk away from the computer, it can be done. In this take-along set, complete with metal caribiner, questions are posed that elicit (make that ingeniously extract) thoughtful answers and spark deeper conversations between parents and kids. A simple Yes or No just doesn’t cut it here. Here’s a favorite example: “What Do You Worry About and Why”? You’ll love having this handy at your next family reunion, airport terminal, campfire or even as you wait for dinner at a restaurant.”

#### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARENTING CENTER**

The National Parenting Center was founded in July of 1989 with the intention of providing the most comprehensive and responsible parenting advice to parents everywhere. The advice provided is furnished by some of the world’s most respected authorities in the field of child rearing and development.

The National Parenting Center's Seal of Approval program, created in 1990 as an adjunct to TNPC's support services, identifies the finest products and services being marketed to the parent/child audience. From educational and entertainment products and equipment to travel destinations, the consumer oriented testing process solicits evaluations from parents and their children. This award signifies to other parents that their peers have acknowledged a product's quality and desirability based on a wide variety of determining factors.

It is the sole intention of The National Parenting Center to advise, support and guide parents with sound, responsible advice.

## **ABOUT AROUND THE TABLE GAMES**

Creator and owner of Around the Table games, Beth Daniels was blessed to have her grandparents and great-grandparents in her life for decades. Over the years, she realized that the more she learned about them, the better she understood herself. As a result, she treats the stories they shared as priceless gifts that she is determined to pass on to her own children.

In fact, the first “version” Daniels made of her game was a simple pad of paper passed around the table at a Christmas family dinner where she invited everyone to jot down questions for Great Grandma.

As an Occupational Therapist, wife and mother of two, Daniels understands all too well how active lives and busy schedules can prevent families from sharing the anecdotes and folklore that make a family a family. That’s why she created Family Talk and Grandparent Talk games as a fun way for families to reconnect.

For more information, click on [www.aroundthetablegames.com](http://www.aroundthetablegames.com).

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