

Michigan Emmy winning director from Novi pens new book.

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Keith Famie filmed on the island of Sardinia - one of the five blue zones in the world where men and women live the longest. With him is Dr. Tom Rifai from Michigan, who was featured in the "Embrace of Aging" series.

Photo submitted by Keith Famie

"Living through the Lens" is a new book written by Producer/Director Keith Famie, 59, of Novi.

Famie has been making documentary films since 2004 and has won 11 Michigan Emmys for them. He has traveled throughout the world finding and sharing the stories of people who have dealt with many of life's worst conditions and situations and survived them through their courage, determination and perseverance.

Famie says there is nothing more gratifying than telling a story that can help someone else on their own life's journey.

"I'm hoping that people will be inspired, touched and sympathetic to other individuals. I think empathy is something we're lacking in society globally. I like to think that these stories and the book allow people to step into other lives and learn from those lives," Famie said.

He named his production company Visionalist Entertainment Productions, because he said, "to dream is to fantasize, to visualize is to expect. Without vision, how can you really know where you're going. You have to take that and create it as an expectation."

He says his team at Visionalist Entertainment Productions is like family; many have been with him for years and some he has mentored.

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The author with Maire Kent during one of her oncology appointments.

He credits his success to “being a sensitive listener.” His interview subjects trust him to tell their story.

He started writing the book about two years ago after he was invited to speak at the Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham to talk about documentary film making.

“The book was kind of a birth from the presentation ... where I take the audience down the path of what it’s like as a film maker. ... Whether it’s a vet tribute or understanding aging or other inspirational stories,” he said.

Famie is available for speaking presentations that include a plethora of material from more than 20 documentaries, including the series “The Embrace of Aging: The Female Perspective of Growing Old,” “The Male Perspective of Growing Old,” “The Embrace of Dying,” and many other subjects including Alzheimer’s, dementia and cancer.

His book is \$24.95, and a portion of the proceeds go to Gilda’s Club of Metro Detroit.

Next up, Famie is in the planning stages for a documentary called “Walk the Walk” about youth growing up in Detroit, through their perspectives.

For more information, how to purchase his book and about his speaking presentations, visit keithfamie.com. For a complete filmography, [visit www.v-prod.com/filmography.html](http://www.v-prod.com/filmography.html).



Ken Baldwin looking out onto the San Francisco bay.



Filming a couple from the island of Okinawa who have been married more than 70 years.



The author in the OR room during one of his filmings



The mighty ladies who meet for adventure in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Annie, Ruthie, Kay and Connie