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# THE UP FAMILY IS GROWING! "THE MCGHEE FAMILY (WT)," STARRING MOM, DAD AND THEIR PRECOCIOUS SEXTUPLETS, MOVES TO UP WITH AN ALL-NEW ORIGINAL SERIES

# Production Underway With Series Set to Premiere in Spring 2016

PASADENA, January 5, 2016 (Television Critics Association) – UP – the network dedicated to providing entertaining, feel-good TV for the entire family – announced today that it has a brand new family and original series "The McGhee Family (working title)." This all-new UP Original Series, set to premiere this spring, brings the exuberant McGhee family with six adorable sextuplets, now five years old, back to television audiences. On-location shooting is underway in and around the McGhee's hometown of Columbus, Ohio.

Ro and Mia McGhee tried for 10 years to have children and they never imagined they would end up having sextuplets! Now, in "The McGhee Family," they try their best to balance a hectic life that includes the six children and the demands of their family carpet cleaning business. Life was busy enough taking care of six little babies, but now that their brood can walk, talk, run and share lots of laughs and mischief Ro and Mia face brand new challenges that are throwing them for a loop. Never before have they felt more outnumbered! Diaper changes and feeding schedules have been replaced by sassy opinions and chore charts.

In this all-new series, we follow this fun-loving family of eight as they explore new milestones, like learning how to swim and getting a family pet. These new adventures all come with unexpected twists and turns when you're dealing with six five-year-olds, each developing his or her own unique individual personality with every passing day. The family also will be plan for a spring break trip - all while running the family business and trying to find alone time for Ro and Mia. And while neither ever expected their lives to be so hectic, they wouldn't change a thing.

"With six healthy kids packing all the energy of a five year old, we are joining the McGhee family at an overwhelmingly exciting and fun time," said Amy Winter, evp and general manager, UP. "The kids are walking and talking and have no shortage of personality or opinions. And though Ro and Mia are definitely outnumbered, somehow the McGhees manage to maintain their sanity while raising their brood in a loving, nurturing environment."

Ro and Mia appreciate the importance of raising their kids in a stable and loving household. They are dedicated parents and never thought they'd be mom and dad to six kids! Ro is 36 and has a degree in HVAC from the American School of Technology. He was born in Columbus, Ohio and has three brothers who all live nearby. He grew up having little contact with his father and a mother who suffered from drug addiction. She's been sober for more than 10 years. Now, Ro is pursuing a career in ministry while also maintaining the carpet cleaning business. He hopes to eventually take over his grandfather's church. Mia is 35 years old. She has three brothers, two of whom are deceased. After dropping out of high school due to hardship, she was determined to complete her education. She worked hard to get her GED and then went on to get her Associates in Arts degree from Ohio Dominican University. Mia loves being with her kids and is focused on making sure they have a happy childhood and become responsible adults. She currently teaches Sunday school at their church.

The sextuplets will turn six years old in June. They are each enrolled in separate kindergarten classes at the same public school. Rozonno Jr. is "The Explorer;" he's very tough and fearless. Josiah is a "momma's boy" and he's also a jokester. Isaac is known as "Happy Feet." He loves to dance and is very playful. Madison is Mia's "Mini-me." She's bossy and loves order, but is becoming more laid back. Elijah is "The Tallest" of the six. He loves to eat and is a huge hugger. Olivia is "The Baby." She was the last of the six to be born and will cry the easiest. She's guickly overtaking Madison in the bossy department.

The UP Original Series "The McGhee Family (wt)" is produced by Figure 8 Films, the acclaimed family reality television producers of such series as UP's "Bringing Up Bates," as well as "Kate Plus 8," and many others. Executive Producers are Bill Hayes, Kirk Streb and Deanie Wilcher. Supervising Producer is Jen Stocks. Senior Production Manager is Kami Winningham and Post Producer is Stefanie Valenzky.

### **About UP**

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For over 20 years, Figure 8 Films has been creating some of the most popular shows on television. From its ground-breaking series "The Operation" and the pop-culture phenomenon of "Jon and Kate Plus 8" to the currently airing "Salvage Dawgs," the goal has remained the same -- telling entertaining true stories about real people. Whether the subject is a documentary or docu-series, our goal is to connect

the viewer with our characters in an emotional way, from laughter to tears, and create a relationship that lasts beyond the final frame of the program. With some of the longest-running series currently on television, we're happy to say our approach continues to be a winning formula for success. As the company slogan says: Another Day, Another Adventure!

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