

Press Release

Recently Released Children’s Book ‘*The Dragonfly Door*’ Helps Students in Huntsville, Alabama Cope with Loss of Classmates in November Bus Crash Lee High School’s fine arts magnet program adapts book into mini-play; students take play to help young children at schools and churches

MAPLE PLAIN, MINNESOTA / HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, June 12, 2007 – The recently released children’s book, *The Dragonfly Door*, has been adapted into a mini-play by students enrolled in Lee High School’s fine arts magnet program in Huntsville, Alabama. The play, which premiered in May, is performed by students coping with the loss of their classmates from a November 20 bus crash in Huntsville. To help the high school students with their grief, the fine arts magnet program adapted the book into a play as a community service project with performances offered to elementary school age children. The students performing the play are also part of Students Health Advocates Responsible for Peer Education (SHARPE), a community service project sponsored by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama. “The Dragonfly Door” is expected to become one of the mini-plays that SHARPE continues to offer to elementary schools, churches and other groups.

“We are honored that a community has discovered a unique way to use our book to help children,” said John Adams, CEO and author of *The Dragonfly Door*. “We were very moved by the students’ May opening performance and thank them for inviting us to be part of their outreach to help others.”

Adams was inspired to write *The Dragonfly Door* after reading an article about Anne Brooker, the teenage founder of a nonprofit called The Dragonfly Project. Brooker sends a packet of dragonfly-related condolence materials to grieving families, including a dragonfly parable written in the 1940s.

The Dragonfly Door features Lea and Nym, wingless dragonflies living underwater in a marsh. When Lea doesn’t come home one night, Nym searches the marsh for her, but Lea is gone. Then, exhausted and sad, Nym discovers that her friend has died. Through what may be interpreted as a vision or dream, Nym receives a comforting glimpse of what Lea has become.

“We treasure the comments we receive from parents, grandparents and teachers who find our book when searching for resources to help children in their lives cope with loss,” said Clea Adams, executive director of Feather Rock Books, Inc. “Our visit to Alabama confirmed the need for this type of literature.”

One of the students in the play whose father died when she was seven said, “I’m so glad somebody took the initiative to do this. I wish I could have had this [book] when I was seven.”

The Dragonfly Door

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