



SIGNING TIME! AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DVD SERIES WINS A TELLY AWARD

Salt Lake City, UT - June 26, 2006 – Two Little Hands Productions received a Telly Award for *Signing Time!* Volume 8: “The Great Outdoors.” This DVD, part of a 13-volume set, teaches babies, toddlers, and young children how to communicate using sign language even before they learn to speak.

The Telly Awards honor outstanding local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs as well as the finest video and film productions. The 26th Annual Telly Awards received over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents. All judges are top advertising and production professionals, as well as past Telly Award winners.

With an unparalleled multi-sensory approach, *Signing Time!* reaches children with diverse learning styles (auditory, visual, spatial, and tactile) and abilities by encouraging interaction through signing, singing, speaking, and dancing. Featuring Rachel Coleman, her daughter Leah (who is deaf), along with Alex (Leah’s cousin, who can hear), and their animated pet frog Hopkins, the *Signing Time!* series teaches hundreds of American Sign Language (ASL) vocabulary-building signs that are useful in daily life.

As early as nine months, babies and toddlers can learn to communicate with signs, before they develop speech. Research shows that children who learn to sign may experience reduced frustrations, fewer tantrums, enhanced cognitive development, higher IQ scores, increased bonding with parents, greater interest in books, and quicker development of speaking, spelling, and reading skills.

Rachel Coleman, co-founder of Two Little Hands Productions remarked, “We’re excited that the cable and television industry recognizes the quality of the *Signing Time!* series.”

The revolutionary ASL program recently released four new titles - ***My Day, My Neighborhood, Time to Eat, and Welcome to School*** – for a total of 13 DVD and video titles.

About Two Little Hands Productions

Two Little Hands Productions is the company that produces and distributes *Signing Time!*, a captivating and entertaining sign language DVD and video series and PBS television program that specifically targets children who are just learning to speak, as well as children with special needs. The series makes learning American Sign Language easy and fun for children of all abilities.

Formed in the spring of 2002 by two sisters, Two Little Hands Productions was created and the first Signing Time video, *My First Signs*, – featuring Leah and Alex – was

released. Other titles in the series include *Playtime Signs*, *Everyday Signs*, *Family, Feelings & Fun*, *ABCs*, *My Favorite Things*, *Leah's Farm*, *The Great Outdoors*, *Zoo Train*, *My Day*, *My Neighborhood*, *Time to Eat*, and *Welcome to School*. In addition to the DVD/video collection, the company has released has three board books - **My First Signs**, **Playtime Signs**, and **Everyday Signs** - to reinforce the lessons learned in the accompanying DVDs/videos. Two Little Hands' mission is to empower all children to communicate with sign language, regardless of ability. Two Little Hands Productions is located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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