



THE DOVE FOUNDATION: SIGNING TIME! IS FAMILY APPROVED

Salt Lake City, UT – July 13, 2006 – The Dove Foundation, a non-profit organization established to encourage and promote the creation, production and distribution of wholesale family content, has recently awarded Two Little Hands Productions' Signing Time! DVD Series, Volumes 10-13 a "Family Approved" Dove Seal.

The Dove Seal is given to a movie or video that is rated family friendly and that families can enjoy together with confidence. This honor is bestowed upon entertainment products that portray and encourage positive values.

Signing Time! DVD Series teaches American Sign Language to children with diverse learning styles 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 ASL vocabulary-building signs that are useful in daily life.

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

"Receiving the 'Family Approved' stamp from The Dove Foundation is really special as Signing Time! is a company and organization focused around the family," said Rachel de Azevedo Coleman, co-founder of Two Little Hands Productions. "We hope that this recognition of our products by such a prestigious organization will spread awareness of early communication development that Signing Time! provides to children of all abilities."

About Two Little Hands Productions

Two Little Hands Productions is the company that produces and distributes Signing Time! a captivating, entertaining sign language DVD and video series and PBS television program that specifically targets children who are just learning how 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 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* and *ABCs*, *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 released three board books **My First Signs, Playtime Signs** and **Everyday Signs** to reinforce the lessons learned in the accompanying DVDs/video. 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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