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**Foundation for Tulsa Schools Launches Children's Book Honoring Diversity**  
*Celebrate Tulsa!* is the foundation's second book written and illustrated by TPS teachers, staff and students

**Tulsa, Okla. (December 6, 2021)** - The Foundation for Tulsa Schools announces the launch of *Celebrate Tulsa!*, a book written and illustrated by Tulsa Public Schools teachers, staff and students. Proceeds from the book will help further the Foundation for Tulsa Schools' mission to build a better community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools.

From the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade to the Tulsa Greek Festival, this book highlights the multitude of events and celebrations that take place in Tulsa each year. *Celebrate Tulsa!* honors the diversity of cultures, races, religions, languages, foods, traditions, music and art in our city and serves as a reminder that even though we may not share the same beliefs or backgrounds, what we share in common is greater than what makes us different.

In addition to showcasing the diversity of the city, a goal of *Celebrate Tulsa!* is to promote the love of reading and enhance literacy competence for the children of Tulsa. Each TPS student enrolled in preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade and each TPS school library will receive free copies of the book.

"We are thrilled to offer this book to our students and the Tulsa community as we continue to build upon our efforts to inspire a love of learning in Tulsa Public Schools," said Anhna Vuong, president and CEO of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools. "*Celebrate Tulsa!* teaches our students that our differences make us beautiful, and by uplifting and honoring one another, we will build a stronger community, together."

*Celebrate Tulsa!* is the second book from the Foundation for Tulsa Schools to feature teacher-created artwork and prose.

"It was inspiring to witness the creativity and dedication exhibited by Tulsa Public Schools teachers, staff and students who came together to develop this book," said Tiffani Bruton, committee chair for *Celebrate Tulsa!* "I have had the pleasure of working with an amazing team of educators and sponsors who are committed to making *Celebrate Tulsa!* a book that truly represents the diversity and uniqueness of our city."

*Celebrate Tulsa!* can be pre-ordered at [www.foundationfortulsaschools.org](http://www.foundationfortulsaschools.org) and will be available for purchase at select local businesses by Christmas:

- Magic City Books
- Ida Red (Brookside)
- Lolly Garden
- Kiddlestix
- Kathleen's Kids
- Tulsa Botanic Gardens

Authors and illustrators for the book include Jo Ann Caldwell, Joy Crow, Sharon Dautermann, Heidi Doss, Gwynievere Harris, Beth Howard, Beatrice Hoxie, Margie Murphy-McNutt, Kirsten Johnson Morehead, Gabbie Ross, Dania Santiago, and Richard Wills. Special thanks to our generous sponsors, the Sanford and Irene Burnstein Foundation, TTCU, Rosenstein Fist & Ringold, The Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation, KKT Architects, Cox Communications, Adelson Family Foundation, Bank of Oklahoma, ONEOK, QuikTrip, ONE Gas, and T.D. Williamson.

#### **How *Celebrate Tulsa!* benefits the Foundation for Tulsa Schools**

Proceeds from *Celebrate Tulsa!* will benefit the programs of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools, including Partners in Education, which unites businesses, faith-based organizations and the community to support students and teachers in Tulsa Public Schools.

#### **About The Foundation for Tulsa Schools**

Founded in 2001, the Foundation for Tulsa Schools was established to build a better community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools. The Foundation believes that every child should have access to a quality education, the resources they need to learn, and a supportive environment in which to learn.

The Foundation for Tulsa Schools is honored to be a champion for TPS students, teachers, and staff. We serve as a bridge between those who are passionate about public education and those who learn in, teach at, and support our schools.

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