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### **Kids Who Care's *District XI – Believe in Me!* Returns for May 7 Performances**

*Dalton Sherman Joins Cast Once Again and Val Wilkie to Be Honored as  
Kids Who Care Lifts off 2010 Season*

FORT WORTH, TX – April 26, 2010 – Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, will lift off its 2010 season with special performances of their original musical *District XI -- Believe in Me!* on May 7, 2010 at the Scott Theatre. Performance times are 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

*District XI -- Believe in Me!* was inspired by the popular YouTube video of 10-year-old Dalton Sherman's convocation speech to 20,000 Dallas ISD teachers and staff, imploring them to believe in themselves and their students. Dalton, who has been featured on several national media outlets, will once again join the cast of *District XI -- Believe in Me!* for the performances on May 7. Set in the halls and classrooms of elementary, middle and high schools, the original musical is a fun, timeless look at school. It also celebrates the teachers who are changing the world and shines a light on our schools, reminding us that, together, we can build the education system our children need.

In addition, during the evening performance, educator and philanthropic leader Val Wilkie will be honored with the Kids Who Care Hearts With Wings Award, an award bestowed annually on one individual who has made a significant positive impact on youth in the community served by Kids Who Care.

"As the first recipient of Kids Who Care's 'Heart with Wings Award' in 1997, Val Wilkie represents someone who believed in our mission in a way that changed our forward motion," said Deborah Jung, founding and executive director of Kids Who Care. "As head master of a school for many years, he understands the heart of education and its value globally. His lifetime of commitment has had an enormous impact us all, and when Kids Who Care sings '*Together We Can*' on May 7th, it will be a song that is easily dedicated to the heart of Val Wilkie's work and his legacy to our community."

*District XI -- Believe in Me!* will be at the Scott Theatre, located at 1300 Gendy Street in the Fort Worth Cultural District at the corner of Montgomery and West Lancaster. Ticket prices are \$18 for ages 16 and up, \$15 for those 15 and younger and \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. School day performances are \$10 for general seating and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more. For more information, call 817.737.5437 or go to <http://www.kidswhocare.org>. To purchase tickets online, go to

<http://showtix4u.com>. For information on Kids Who Care's full 2010 season, go to [http://kidswhocare.org/cms\\_images/KWC-2010Season-Final.pdf](http://kidswhocare.org/cms_images/KWC-2010Season-Final.pdf).

### **About Kids Who Care**

Founded in 1989, Kids Who Care is a non-profit international theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas that seeks to produce confident and creative kids through leadership, musical theatre education and performance. Kids Who Care offers professional musical theatre classes, leadership training, summer musical theatre camps, international cultural exchanges, a touring Resident Company, public performances and more. The Kids Who Care Resident Company has performed Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, at both Disney's, at The Kennedy Center, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, at 30,000 feet aboard an airplane for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and at many other locations across the U.S. and overseas. The core values of the organization include: excellence in artistic development, artistic integrity of kids, leadership roles for kids, financial and cultural diversity and ensemble production. For more information, please visit [www.kidswhocare.org](http://www.kidswhocare.org).

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