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BULLYING PREVENTION TAKES CENTER STAGE WITH TAPROOT THEATRE'S ROAD COMPANY

**Live Theatre Week performances October 20 at Seattle Public Library
Greenwood Branch**

Taproot Theatre brings its Road Company to the Seattle Public Library Greenwood Branch for Live Theatre Week Family Day performances of its elementary school assemblies, *Star Power* and *Camp Super Friend*, addressing bullying prevention and friendship skills. These entertaining and insightful productions utilize practical methods from the Committee for Children's Steps to Respect[®] program. *Star Power* performance is at 11:00 a.m. *Camp Super Friend* performance is at 1:00 p.m. All performances are in the large meeting room at the Greenwood library and are free to the public. The Greenwood Branch library is located at 8016 Greenwood Ave N in Seattle.

Star Power, by Bethany Wallace, follows best friends Austin and Kamea as they travel to a statewide talent competition to determine the "Most Talented Kid in Washington." When fellow contestant Trick tries to sabotage the competition and undermine Austin and Kamea's friendship, they learn what it takes to become a true star. *Star Power* is suitable for elementary school audiences.

Camp Super Friend, by Bethany Wallace, focuses on forming friendships and appreciating differences. Marvel may be a super hero, but that doesn't mean he knows how to be a super friend...yet. At Super Camp, the summer camp for super heros, Marvel discovers it's a lot harder to make friends than he thought.

With some helpful advice from his dad, and the assistance of his camp counselor, Marvel learns what it takes to make and be a good friend. *Camp Super Friend* is suitable for elementary school audiences.

Since 1985, Taproot Theatre has performed plays focused on relevant social issues for school children. Each year over 60,000 students learn how to safely and effectively approach situations they deal with on a daily basis. Seattle playwright Bethany Wallace was commissioned to write plays for the Road Company's 2007-2008 school touring season. Now in the fifth year of partnership with Taproot Theatre, Committee for Children provided the Steps to Respect[®] curriculum, teaching students how to recognize bullying behavior, refuse it, and report it to a trustworthy adult.

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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