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Celebrate Valentine's Day with Local Author and Illustrator for a Book Release Party at Dayton School

Dayton, MN...The night after Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 15, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dayton School is hosting a new book release party for the book *The Little Boy Who Found IT: A Story of Heart and Hope*. The book is a labor of love written by Coon Rapids author Janae Bower and illustrated by Lynette Daniel, art teacher at Dayton School. The event is free and open to the public. Treats and refreshments will be served.

The special evening includes meeting both local author and illustrator with a special book reading and signing. They will also share their journey of getting the book published from the initial idea to final publication. Learn about the school's activities with the author and illustrator during February in honor of I Love to Read month, including working with each class to write and illustrate their own books! A significant portion of all book sales and matching keepsake products sold during this time will be given to Dayton school to begin an Author in Residence fund that will be used to bring guest authors to Dayton School in the future.

“ We are very excited to host this celebration for Janae's and Lynette's new book.” said Sandra Nicholson, principal at Dayton School. “ It's not every day that we have a local author and illustrator work with our students to create their own classroom books. It will be fun to learn more about how this book was made and to have the chance to purchase signed copies for the book. I hope lots of people will stop in that evening to see this new book and to meet Janae and Lynette.”

The Little Boy Who Found IT: A Story of Heart and Hope is an inspirational, wonderfully illustrated story about a little boy's life-long journey to find IT. Written for boys from five to ninety-five, this keepsake book resonates with people off all ages as they follow their own journey of personal growth and discovery. It is the second book of the Little IT series following the award-winning book *The Little Girl Who Found IT: A Story of Heart and Hope*.

Bower's Father-in-Law illustrated the first book and unexpected passed away before he could illustrate this book. Another teacher at Dayton heard Bower was looking for another illustrator and connected her with Daniel. Daniel, an art teacher for 15 years and artist of one of the famous peanut statues, had never illustrated a book before. They collaborated for nine months to complete the book.

As author in residence, Bower will spend a week in February working with all Dayton classes teaching them how to write a book. Each class will create a book with every student writing a page in the book. Daniel will then teach the classes how to illustrate a book working with each student to illustrate their page. All the books will be published and added to the school library in April 2006.

To find out more about the event or book go to www.findingIT.com or contact Janae Bower at Janae@finding.com and 612-554-1367.

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