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Favorite Story Title: The Friend-Ship

Belmont University “Favorite Story” Poetry Contest

Begins: January 19, 2010   Ends: February 8, 2010

In light of the tenth anniversary of Family Literacy Day, Belmont University’s Volunteers for Literacy is holding a poetry contest for Metro elementary students grades 1-4. We ask that the students write a 16-20 line poem about their favorite story. The poems do not have to rhyme, but it is preferred that they do. Once the poems are submitted, they will be judged by Belmont University students and five finalists will be chosen. Those five finalists will, at the end of February, meet with professional songwriters and put their words to music. From the five songs produced, a winner and two runners-up will be chosen. The winning poem will be performed at Belmont’s 10th annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 10th.

Entries should be submitted 4:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8th, to Tim Stewart, Director of Service-Learning, 1900 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212

Poem

(Use other side too, if needed)

Through The Glass

As I look through the glass window
Remembering what I just read and saw
Looking through the eyes of the book
I can clearly see
How far we’ve come through tragedy
Dewberry walked proclaiming racism on every page
He tried to shoot down freedom with his rage
It was still proclaimed
The Wallace brothers tried to re-name my people
We fought back because we’re nothing but equals
Now I stand here
Ten years old
Looking back into a life I have never known
The pearls of justice, struggle and compassion have a perminate place in my soul
Though words may be called at me as you see...
The looking glass stands by me