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**Kids Who Care Musical Theatre Announces Return of “*District XI - Believe in Me!*”
and “*Deep in the Heart*” October 1-2 at Scott Theatre**

Presents Six Weekday Matinees followed by Friday Night Performance of “District XI – Believe in Me!”

FORT WORTH, TX – September 9, 2009 – Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth since 1989, today announced seven upcoming performances October 1 - October 2, 2009 at the Scott Theatre. The Kids Who Care 2009-2010 Resident Company will present three matinee performances of its original Texas show, *Deep in the Heart*, on October 1, 2009. On October 2, there will be three matinee performances of *District XI: Believe in Me!*,” followed by an evening performance at 7:30 p.m.

District XI: Believe in Me! is an original musical inspired by the popular YouTube video of 10-year-old Dalton Sherman's acclaimed convocation speech to 20,000+ Dallas ISD teachers and staff last year, imploring them to believe in themselves and their students

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAMLOnSNwzA>). Set in the halls and classrooms of elementary, middle and high schools, *District XI - Believe in Me!*, is a fun, timeless look at school. It also tackles current issues such as test-taking, labeling, recess reduction, bureaucracy and fitting in with others.

"Teaching is the noblest of professions," said Deborah Jung, founding and executive director of Kids Who Care. "This musical about school is laugh-out-loud funny as it walks us into the classrooms and hallways of our lives. It is also chilling as we visit a broken system that measures our kids, our teachers, and our administrators and, along the way, loses real people. Dalton Sherman was speaking for all of us when he said, 'Believe in us and yourselves, and together we can change the world.' It's time for a change!"

In a recent review, Theatre Jones critic Cathy O'Neal said of Kids Who Care, "Their shows are smart, entertaining, thought-provoking and inspiring, and *District XI: Believe in Me!* is the most powerful one yet."

Touring for its sixth season, fan favorite *Deep in the Heart* is an original musical production that celebrates Texas and its multi-cultural history. Legend, fact, truth and tall tale come to life as five children, guided through their history book by an authentic cowboy and cowgirl, discover Texas and what it means to be a Texan (whether native-born or the got-here-as-quick-as-they-could variety). Texas heroes such as Barbara Jordan, Amon G. Carter, Sid Richardson, Quannah Parker, Cynthia Ann Parker, Davy Crockett and William Travis are featured in the show. Fort Worth favorites, such as the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, the Modern Art Museum, Will Rogers, the Kimbell and the Amon Carter Museum also receive special mention.

Matinee performances for *Deep in the Heart* on October 1 are at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for individuals and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more. Matinee performances for *District XI: Believe in Me!* on October 2 are at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for individuals and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more. The evening performance of *District XI: Believe in Me!* on October 2 begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$18 for individuals or \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. All shows will be presented at The Scott Theatre at 1300 Gendy Street in Fort Worth.

For tickets or more information, please call 817.737.5437 or visit www.kidswhocare.org. School groups, please contact Jannice Fikar at 817.737.5437 or jannice@kidswhocare.org.

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.

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