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### **Acclaimed Entertainer Sheran Goodspeed Keyton Cast as Christmas Present in Kids Who Care's Musical Production of "A Christmas Carol"**

*Kids Who Care Presents Charles Dickens' Classic December 18-23, 2009*

FORT WORTH, TX – November 10, 2009 – Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas, announces that veteran entertainer Sheran Goodspeed Keyton ([www.sherankeyton.com](http://www.sherankeyton.com)) has been cast as Christmas Present in the musical version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* this holiday season, running December 18-23, 2009 at the Scott Theatre in Fort Worth.

Ms. Keyton is a talented singer, actress, choreographer and writer who has been entertaining audiences for more than 20 years - locally, nationally and internationally. She has performed at Casa Mañana, Lyric Stage, Watertower Theatre, The Butterfly Connection, Soul Rep, Dallas Children's Theatre and many more. In Fort Worth, she has served for five years as resident choreographer for Jubilee Theatre, where she has written several original musicals. Keyton's Awards include Best Actress from the Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and Best Actress from the DFW Theatre Critic Forum. Two years ago she made her nationally-released featured film debut in the film entitled *The Longshots* (now available on DVD). She is also the founder and artistic director of DVA Productions, a non-profit arts organization.

"I am excited and honored to be performing with Kids Who Care," said Keyton. "This organization is near and dear to my heart, and their musical production of *A Christmas Carol* is something no family in the Metroplex should miss this holiday season."

An inspiring tale of hope and redemption, *A Christmas Carol* tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his magical journey from a bah-humbug miser to a loving and generous man. In this version presented by Kids Who Care, adapted by Preston Lane and Jonathan Moscone and originally premiered at the Dallas Theater Center, the story starts with a child, features Mark Walker's elaborate scenic design coupled with Chad Jung's lighting, and includes a cast of 71 with actor Michael Muller in the role of Scrooge and Sheran Goodspeed Keyton at Christmas Present.

The show runs December 18 through December 23, 2009 at the Scott Theatre, located at 1300 Gendy Street in Fort Worth's Cultural District, with evening, matinee and school-day performances. Specific show dates and times are as follows:

- Friday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. (special school day matinee pricing applies)
- Friday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 19, 2:00 p.m., Sugar Rush 2009 (luncheon, party and show – special pricing applies)
- Saturday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 23, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for evening performances of *A Christmas Carol* are \$18 for those 16 and older; \$15 for youth. Matinee performances are \$16 for those 16 and older; \$12 for youth. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.kidswhocare.org](http://www.kidswhocare.org) or by calling 817.737.5437.

Tickets for the Friday, December 18 performance at 10:00 a.m. are \$12 for general seating and \$5 per ticket for groups of 10 or more. Schools and other groups can contact Lori Henson or Jannice Fikar for group tickets at 817.737.5437.

Tickets for Sugar Rush 2009 on Saturday, December 19 are \$50 for adults and \$35 for youth. This special benefit event includes a luncheon, Sugar Rush games and activities and a show ticket to the 2:00 p.m. performance that day. Sugar Rush tickets can be purchased online at [www.kidswhocare.org](http://www.kidswhocare.org) or by calling 817.737.5437. Tables are available for purchase.

### **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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