

Local reverend publishes children's book

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KENNEBUNK — Kennebunk resident Reverend Norene Freeman has just published her first children's book "Do You Know How Wonderful You Are?" The 38-page rhyming and color illustrated book celebrates the goodness and precious qualities all children possess.

Inspired by Freeman's two grandchildren, Amelia Rose and Gracie May, the book describes the variety of feeling, emotions and challenges youngsters face as they grow up.

Freeman, who at age 70 describes herself as a "Queenager," said, "Never did I have an inkling of how much joy my grandchildren would bring me. Watching them develop though the years, I found myself pouring out my love for the girls on paper and the book was born. I believe every child is holy and needs to

know it. I hope this book helps them realize that no matter what bad may have happened to them or what bad they might have done, each child deserves to be loved and appreciated."

The book also presents children from different cultures, backgrounds and abilities to demonstrate how similar they are, no matter where they live.

Freeman contacted Kennebunk artist Steve Hrehovcik, who has illustrated more than a dozen children's books, to create drawings to visualize her story. Hrehovcik said, "When I first read Norene's manuscript, her story presented many opportunities to dramatize the variety of touching moments in a child's life. It has been a great pleasure working with Norene."

Nicknamed "Nonie" by her grandchildren, Freeman is an ordained interfaith minister and creative artist. She describes herself as being passionate

about the well-being of families, the empowerment of children, plus the health of our Earth home. Prior to her ministry, Freeman enjoyed careers in education, counseling and public speaking.

Early editions of the book have received positive reviews. It is available on www.Amazon.com as a paperback for \$14.95 and Kindle for \$9.99. Both Freeman and Hrehovcik will visit schools, clubs and other organizations to read and discuss the book. For more information call 603-568-2513 or email NoreneFreeman@greatnessbecomesus.com to schedule a visit.

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