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**“MAMA DEB” LOWRY TO SIGN HER FIRST BOOK AT OUTWRITE ON
JULY 7**

***'THREE GRIM FAIRY TALES AND A HAPPY ENDING, A Mother's
Message'* Is Catalyst for Loving Discussion between Parents and
Their GLBT Children**

Book royalties will be donated to three gay charities

ATLANTA (June 28, 2010) Debi Lowry, straight woman, proud mother of Erin and Ian, and active advocate in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual (GLBT) community (www.mamadebatlanta.com), recently published her first book, **THREE GRIM FAIRY TALES AND A HAPPY ENDING: A Mother's Message** (iUniverse.com). The book was written for both parents and their GLBT children, and is meant as a catalyst for an initial or a renewed conversation between parents and their children about who they are. It is available in hardcover and paperback at Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse (http://www.outwritebooks.com/search/apachesolr_search/debi+lowry).

“This book celebrates the unconditional love between a parent and child,” says Debi. “As a mother of a gay son, I feel I have a social responsibility to stand up and support GLBT children everywhere.”

'Mama Deb,' as she is affectionately known in the Atlanta GLBT community, will read from her book on **Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Outwrite Bookstore and**

Coffeehouse (www.OutwriteBooks.com). She will also sign books following the program. Outwrite is located at 991 Piedmont Ave. @ Tenth St. in Midtown Atlanta, 404-607-0082. This event is free and open to the public.

From her son Ian, and from many other gay children, Debi learned first-hand about lives forever affected by the definition of what today's society considers 'normal' when it comes to sexuality. Many GLBT children shared their feelings of sadness, disappointment and sometimes anger with 'Mama Deb' - feelings caused by their own parents' inability or unwillingness to accept their child's sexuality.

Debi notes that she was inspired to write 'Three Grim Fairy Tales and a Happy Ending' for two reasons. First, it is a message to parents of GLBT children who are afraid to lose the love of their parents, or feel that they have already lost it. "It is my attempt to encourage parents to take a different look at their gay children - and in doing so, my message does not just apply to gay children, but to all children who may not quite be what their parents expected."

Secondly, being the openly accepting parent of a gay child is not easy. These parents often encounter a broad range of reactions, ranging from fear to sympathy to disapproval, and hear: "What are you going to do?" or "How did it happen?" People will whisper, or comment about not having grandchildren, or suggest help from clergy or mental health professionals.

Currently living in Atlanta, Debi grew up as the middle child in a large catholic family in Garden Grove, California, where her parents taught her, her three brothers and one sister to open their home and their hearts, and to accept the unique differences in others. She has always been part of grassroots political movements such as The Farm Workers initiative in the mid 70's and the anti-nuclear movement in California, and is a firm believer in equal rights for everyone.

Debi met her ex-husband, with whom she remains friends, when they were both traveling to San Francisco to support friends in the 1977 Pride Parade.

"We have always had many friends in the GLBT community, so when our son, Ian, came to the realization that he was gay, he was very comfortable coming out to us,"

says Debi. "However, I know that there are many more GLBT sons and daughters who experience the opposite. Many are, if not totally abandoned by their family, without much visible support as they live their authentic lives."

She hopes to write a second book to share the conversations between parents and children that are the direct result of 'Three Grim Fairy Tales and a Happy Ending.'

To further express her commitment to the GLBT community, Debi will donate all royalties of her book to these three charities:

GLAAD www.glaad.org – The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation amplifies the voice of the GLBT community by empowering real people to share their stories, holding the media accountable for the words and images they present, and helping grassroots organizations communicate effectively. By ensuring that the stories of GLBT people are heard through the media, GLAAD promotes understanding, increases acceptance, and advances equality.

For the Kid in All of Us www.forthekid.org, was founded in 2003 by a group of friends active in Atlanta's gay and gay-friendly community who wanted to make a difference locally. Recognizing the staggering number of underprivileged children in Atlanta and in Georgia, the group sought not only to raise awareness, but also to lessen the struggles of families and children during the winter holiday season. What resulted from their vision and efforts was The Toy Party, an annual event where gays and lesbians in Atlanta could come together to support a cause that affects children across Georgia.

CHRIS Kids – The Rainbow Program www.chriskids.org/programsRainbow.htm has healed children and strengthened families in Georgia for 25 years and launched the Rainbow Program to give homeless and runaway LGBTQ kids a safe place to live, continue their education and learn life and work skills).