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Foreverfamily Staffer's New Book Teaches Character Traits through Music in "A Song for Miles"

September 22, 2011 (Atlanta) Foreverfamily's Director of Research and Evaluation, Tiffany Simpkins Russell, PhD has written a new book, "*A Song for Miles*" that is a musical voyage for children through the lyrics of songs by artists like Al Green, Marvin Gaye, Earth Wind and Fire and others. This journey is seen through the eyes of Miles, a three-year old boy as he discovers his father's music and learns character traits that are taught through the words of the songs. "Determination, respect, love, compassion, and more are recurring themes throughout many of the songs by the artists like Stevie Wonder," says Dr. Russell, the author and Miles' mother. "*A Song for Miles* teaches these lessons through lyrics of certain soul songs that both Miles and his father love."

"We are so excited about *A Song for Miles*" said Sandra Barnhill, Foreverfamily National President. "*A Song for Miles* is a great way for children to develop a love for books and music. Tiffany has been able to transfer her passion for books and reading into a new form that captures and holds the attention of a child. The digital component makes *A Song for Miles* very 'hands-on'. We are thrilled that Tiffany and her family will be coming to our Atlanta program site to read the book with the children and have dinner with us family style as well." Dr. Russell will also travel to the Foreverfamily Louisville site in December to participate in the family celebration with the fathers and children; in addition to reading the book.

A Song for Miles is the first Black interactive digital storybook app on the AppStore. "As an educator, I know that our children are coming of age in a world that is so orientated toward the digital and technology and I really wanted to partake and be a contributor to that in a meaningful way" said Russell. "*A Song for Miles* is the beginning of that contribution." *A Song for Miles* will appeal to children because of the colorful illustrations, songs and interactivity. It will appeal to adults because it presents an opportunity to discuss values. Discover more about *A Song for*

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Miles at www.asongformiles.com. A *Song for Miles* is also available for ipad; iphone and iPod touch at the AppStore or Amazon Kindle.

Foreverfamily is a national non-profit organization that assists inmates, their children and other family members in maintaining those critically important family ties that can become strained during a parent's incarceration. **Foreverfamily's** efforts focus on children with an incarcerated parent or parents, caregivers and relatives as they strive to remain a family. **Foreverfamily** works to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be surrounded by the love of family. Foreverfamily is headquartered in Atlanta with affiliate offices in Atlanta and Louisville, KY.

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