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GHAR WORKS WITH CARLISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PRESENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

HARRISBURG (Nov. 9, 2006) – On Wednesday, Nov. 15, eighth-graders in the Carlisle Area School District will have a unique opportunity to learn about immigration and tolerance. Working with the Carlisle School District, the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS® (GHAR) is sponsoring “A Day of Living Voices”, a series of performance programs designed to promote diversity and educate students on history and how it relates to their lives. The programs are being presented by Living Voices, a Seattle-based theater company that produces plays about important historical events, civil rights and social justice movements.

Natalie Burgess, an actor with Living Voices, will be performing *Island of Hope*, a program focusing on the life of a 10 year old Russian girl and her immigration with her family to the United States in the early 1900s. *Island of Hope*, as with other theatrical programs presented by Living Voices, is designed to facilitate discussions on important topics and events in American history.

“With the topic of immigration at the forefront in national news, this program could not be more timely,” says Fred Humphrey, President of the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS®.

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“The Living Voices program will allow these eighth-grade students to observe an immigration story and discuss how this topic fits in their own lives, as well as in the context of national news.”

Burgess will be presenting two performances of *Island of Hope*. She will be at Lamberton Middle School at 9:30 a.m. and at Wilson Middle School at 1:30 p.m. Students will be asked to view the program and then engage in a discussion about the character’s story. The goal is for students to be able to discuss an important social topic and understand social differences and tolerance.

“Our job as educators is to teach students about important events in history and promote an understanding of diversity and equality,” says Kevin Wagner, Social Studies Program Chair (6-12) of the Carlisle Area School District. “We welcome the opportunity to work with REALTORS® to promote these values in our community.”

According to Humphrey, promoting an understanding of diversity and tolerance is one of the most important public services GHAR can provide. “As REALTORS® who live and work in this area, we want to ensure that all people, regardless of their background or national origin, are respected and have the opportunity to live the American dream of owning their own home,” he adds.

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