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Encouragement Café Fulfills Dream of Young Author

Clemmons, NC (October 1, 2019) — Encouragement Café (EC) officially launched the EC Press—a publishing ministry that offers aspiring Christian authors direct access to a comprehensive team of designers, editors, illustrators, personal consultants, and planners—on July 1, 2019. Today, EC Press proudly announces the publication of its first book, “Little Ashley,” written by 19-year-old student and author Grace Thomas.

Grace’s book tells the tale of two trees that grow to learn how to deal with change. The book was beautifully illustrated by EC artist Lisa Albinus, one of many ministry members who helped breathe life into the endearing 32-page children’s story.

“EC Press is thrilled to help aspiring writers like Grace fulfill their dreams of becoming published authors,” says Luann Prater, founder and executive director of Encouragement Café Ministries. “The gift of writing is a calling for many young women, but the process can be both daunting and expensive. EC Press provides a support system that makes publishing an obtainable reality.”

A new webpage devoted to the EC Press has been added to the Encouragement Café website, encouragementcafe.com. Writers of all ages are invited to visit the page and submit a proposal. The EC Press page is user-friendly and offers publishing tips, a downloadable proposal form, FAQs, and, most importantly, encouragement.

The EC Press is committed to the emotional and spiritual development of Christian writers. The group intends to publish 26 books within the next three years under the EC Press name.

“God has done so much for Encouragement Café in just 10 short years,” says Prater. “He has gathered together a group of immensely talented women—each with their own unique gifts. This next chapter in our ministry is just one of the ways we can bless others who long to share their hearts, journeys, and imaginations with the world.”

To learn more about Encouragement Café Ministries and the EC Press, or to book an interview with Luann Prater, call (336) 671-4987. You may also email her at luann@encouragementcafe.com. The book, “Little Ashley” is available in paperback through Amazon.com.

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***Editor’s Note (Image):** Grace Thomas poses with her first book, “Little Ashley.”

About Encouragement Café

Encouragement Café (EC) is a non-profit ministry founded in 2009 as a way for women to gather and share life. What started as one woman's calling to radio ministry has now grown into a vibrant faith-based organization that serves the emotional and spiritual needs of women. The syndicated *Cup of Encouragement* radio program can be heard on radio stations in multiple states including Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The ministry also provides weekly podcasts through its website (encouragementcafe.com) and offers multiple events across the United States.

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