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## **National Award Winning Author Advances Guide Dog Awareness Through *Aloha Crossing***

**Jekyll Island, GA. (June, 2008)** – National award winning Georgia publisher, Piñata Publishing, announces the release of Pamela Bauer Mueller's newest title, *Aloha Crossing*. This highly anticipated sequel to *Hello, Goodbye, I Love You* inspires readers of all ages with the keen understanding of *how* and *why* guide dogs are trained to serve.

*Aloha Crossing* depicts the story of Aloha's first year living with partner Kimberly Louise in coastal Georgia. During this time, she is reunited with her beloved puppy raiser Diego, who travels to Georgia to join Aloha in a series of adventures, including a devastating hurricane. From the opening chapter, where Aloha rescues Kimberly Louise from the wheels of an unseen car to the riveting last chapter, readers bond with the unfolding relationship between a blind woman and her canine partner.

Ms. Mueller's new title has great appeal for animal lovers of all ages as well as librarians and educators searching for uplifting teaching points. Learning from the devoted Aloha's example, Diego and Kimberly Louise discover they are capable of weathering any storm and triumphing over their setbacks. An added bonus is the topic of puppy raising, which may lead the reader to consult the appended list of resources at the end of the book.

Pamela Bauer Mueller, 2008 *Mom's Choice Silver Medal* winner and the International Reading Association's 2004 *Children's Choice* recipient for *Hello, Goodbye, I Love You* states: "The unconditional love and trust between Aloha and Kimberly Louise is the essence of their partnership. And bringing Diego back into Aloha's life will delight his fans from the first book!"

Ms. Mueller takes valuable messages about relationships, loyalty and acceptance to school groups and civic organizations. A frequent guest on media and in the classroom, she now adds this book to her list of significant lessons for youth and adults.

Ms. Mueller received both the 2006 and the 2008 *Georgia Author of the Year Awards* from the Georgia Writers Association: Children & Young Adult category. This award was given to her in 2006 for her book *Neptune's Honor: A Story of Loyalty and Love* and again in 2008 for *An Angry Drum Echoed*. Both of those titles, as well as *Hello, Goodbye, I Love You*, have won numerous national awards and recognition.

*Aloha Crossing*, published by Piñata Publishing, retails for \$8.99 and is available in your favorite local or online bookstore.

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