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Project Poetry & Pictures Donates 500 books to the Greater Boston Toys for Tots Foundation

December, 2009 (Wellesley, MA) – Project Poetry & Pictures, a program of the Kurzweil Foundation, Wellesley, MA, is pleased to announce the donation of 500 copies of the book, *Forever Poems for Now and Then* to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. *Forever Poems for Now and Then* is co-written by mother and daughter and illustrated by great masters. Each original poem is paired with a great work of art. The books will be distributed through the Toys for Tots Foundation as holiday gifts to children in the greater Boston area.

Project Poetry & Pictures, established in 2004, serves children and families facing disadvantages or challenging circumstances and seeks to promote literacy and arts through two major endeavors. The first is book donations to organizations serving children and families. The other is poetry and art educational activities in elementary school classrooms and after school programs.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation, since 1948, is to serve needy children and communities. The principal Toys for Tots activity, which takes place at the end of each year, is the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located. More recently (2008) they have become involved in promoting literacy through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Toys for Tots Foundation," said Dr. Sonya Kurzweil, Director of Project Poetry & Pictures. "In donating books as a holiday gift, we hope to promote both the spirit of the season and literacy in the children and families being served by the Toys for Tots Foundation."

For more information about Project Poetry & Pictures, please visit <u>www.projectpoetryandpictures.org</u>.