

Falls author to donate proceeds from book to schools, Humane Society

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Refurbishing antiques. Creating floral arrangements. Learning Web design. Kimberly Goodyear, a 1988 graduate of Cuyahoga Falls, has done all of the above.

But her first love? Writing. "It all came very easily for

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me, and I would often be compelled to find pen and paper, sometimes in the middle of the night, to document

my ideas before they escaped me," stated Goodyear on her Web site. "It was like opening the flood gates, and that's

when I realized I had something."

Goodyear has penned three books, all aimed at children.

Two of the books, "Me, the flea" and "Me, the tree" are targeted at beginning readers.

In "Me, the flea," Flea thinks his ideal home is with Cat, only Cat doesn't feel the

same. After several failed attempts at trying to win his "ideal" home, Flea's friend opens his mind to a world of new possibilities that are just as good, if not better! Will Flea stay on course, or will he take his friend's advice?

"Me, the tree" features

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color illustrations and simple rhyming sentences, Goodyear said.

A portion of the proceeds from both books will go to the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Education, designated for the Cuyahoga Falls elementary school libraries; Richardson, Silver Lake, Lincoln, Price, Preston and Dewitt. She also donated copies of the books to all six elementary school libraries.

"A Tale of Tails" is the first book, aimed at older children, Goodyear said. As the beloved cat of the Goodacre household, Jack feels like king of the hill, until new neighbors move in with some fresh competition. After a bit of jealous rivalry, Jack finds a friend in the new feline that he didn't know he needed. That is, until he discovers his friend isn't who he seems to be, and it changes everyone's lives for-



ever. Proceeds from this book will go to the Humane Society of Greater Akron.

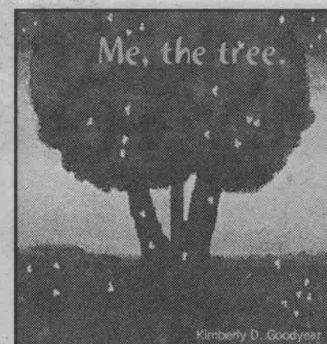
"Right now I'm mainly looking to help sustain the animals care and residency and am looking into areas of where I can be an assistance," she said. "There are eight more books to follow in this 'Cat Tales Collection' that are well under way,



Cuyahoga Falls resident Kimberly Goodyear has penned three books for children, and more stories in the works. Some of the proceeds from the sales will go to the Cuyahoga Falls elementary school libraries or the Greater Akron Humane Society.

which will also have a portion of proceeds be donated."

Currently, Kimberly works as a columnist for The Smart Girlz Guide online Magazine (<http://www.smart-girlzguide.com>) based out of California, writing articles on decorating, culinary, beauty, and crafting articles, as well as an ongoing column for children about bul-



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lying. Kimberly is also a contributor writer for Cleveland University's magazine, The Vindicator.

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