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## **The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation Funds** **Little Theatre of the Deaf Performances in** **Hartford Area Schools**

**West Hartford, CT:** The National Theatre of the Deaf is pleased to be the proud recipient of a grant from **The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation** funding performances of the Little Theatre of the Deaf production of *Stories In My Pocket Too* for selected Hartford area schools this spring. The grant will provide the specified school audiences the opportunity to be drawn completely out of themselves and into a work of art through this quality program created by the LTD.

*Stories In My Pocket Too* is an original theatrical piece developed by NTD Interim Executive Director, **Betty Beekman** and features the Little Theatre of the Deaf acting company; **Joey Caverly**, **Christina Cogswell** and **Christina Stevens**. *Stories In My Pocket Too* is currently on national tour as well as performing for diversified audiences throughout Connecticut.

*Stories In My Pocket Too*, a 50-minute program, filled with stories, poems, riddles, signing fun, improvisation, audience interaction and fun. From large colorful pockets on stage the audience picks what will be performed. Beginning with a sign language introduction, *Knowing the Ropes*, actual ropes will be used to teach sign language.

“We are delighted to receive ongoing support from **The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation** to perform for school audiences within the foundation’s area of funding. It is through this kind of support that NTD is able to create and perform our special brand of theatre for everyone,” said Ms. Beekman.

Each presenting school will receive the company's acclaimed *Learn and Study Together Guide*. It will provide exercises and ideas for working with classroom curriculum and providing information to educators about the third most used language in the United States and the people who use it.

"We continue to extend our thanks to **The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation** Ms. Beekman added, "And their generosity as we enter our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary."

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