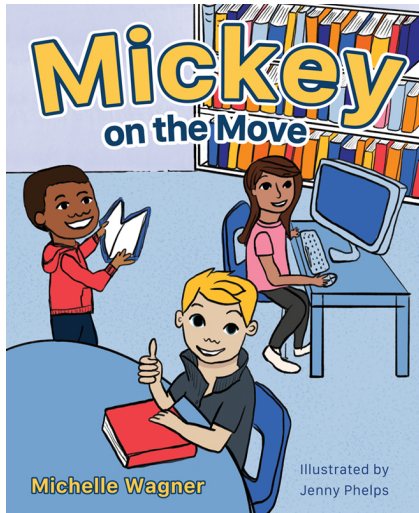




FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Mother Writes Children's Book Inspired by Deaf Son

Herndon, VA; January 5, 2021: Mascot Books announces the release of *Mickey on the Move* written by Michelle Wagner with illustrations by Jenny Phelps.



After discovering her son Mickey was profoundly deaf in both ears, Michelle Wagner made it her mission to get him what he needed to live his best life. This included bilateral cochlear implant surgery when he was 3-years-old.

Inspired by her son's hearing journey, Wagner wrote *Mickey on the Move*, a bighearted book that tells the story of how a young boy with deafness is aided by his mother and teachers in navigating new school experiences. In the book, Mickey is just like everyone else, except he wears cochlear implants and has to do things just a little differently than most.

"This charming tale reminds us that we can all find happiness if we lean on and support each other," Wagner said. "Mickey is living proof of that. Today, he is thriving at school and is social with his friends."

Born and raised in Chicago, Michelle Wagner was always a very positive and outgoing woman. Her energetic love for children and zest for life was admired by everyone who knew her. Michelle is a realtor whose career background involved restaurants and always helping other people. She has dedicated time and support to charities and events to help other children with hearing loss and assist families as they work through the different approaches to raising a special needs child in a typical environment.

To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding *Mickey on the Move*, please contact michelle.m.wagner78@gmail.com.

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