



## **The Greatest Gift – The Wise Ones’ Journey Receives 2018 Illumination Book Award**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA (February 14, 2018) — South Dakota author/storyteller Tom Roberts and illustrator Jim Brummond were awarded the 2018 Illumination Book Award, Gold Medal in the Holiday Category, for their book ***The Greatest Gift – The Wise Ones’ Journey***. With the motto “Shining a Light on Exemplary Christian Books,” the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Illumination Book Awards are intended to honor the best books published during the past year with a Christian worldview.

The Illumination Book Awards are presented by publishing services company Jenkins Group, Inc. of Traverse City, Michigan. Gold, silver, and bronze medal awards are given in 19 categories. This year’s winners include self-published authors as well as some of the most respected names in publishing, hailing from 26 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. Winners reflect on varied topics such as Christian “radicals,” building new churches in a more secular time, healing after addictions, and spiritual coloring books. For more about the Illumination Book Awards go to <http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=2281>.

***The Greatest Gift – The Wise Ones’ Journey*** is the fifth book in a collection of Christmas stories written by Roberts as a benefit for Children’s Home Society of South Dakota (CHS). To date, Roberts’ books have raised over \$1.2 million for the programs and services that CHS offers to children and families. CHS provides residential treatment, education, emergency shelter, forensic interviews, foster care and adoption, and prevention services. In addition to serving victims of child abuse and domestic violence, CHS also partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs.

“I’m proud to have a story of mine recognized in this way and I hope that it continues to serve as both a positive Christmas message and as a means to raise awareness of the mission behind the tale – the mission of Children’s Home Society”, said Roberts.

Based on the journey of the Magi, Roberts’ parable creates a poetic perspective that invites children of all ages to consider their own journey and the valued gifts that they have to offer.

For more about the Children’s Home Society book project go to [www.chssd.org/books](http://www.chssd.org/books) or contact Tammy Roberts at [Tammy.Roberts@chssd.org](mailto:Tammy.Roberts@chssd.org).