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The greatest teachers in America unite

All 55 State Teachers of the Year share their inspirational stories

COS COB, Conn. – Teachers today feel unappreciated, underpaid, and stressed over shrinking budgets, tough children, and mandatory testing, among other things. Turnover rates are climbing. Chicken Soup for the Soul and the best teachers in America have come to the rescue with 101 inspirational stories that will make teachers laugh out loud, shed a few tears, and above all, realize that they really do make a difference and they are very much appreciated. As Anthony Mullen, the 2009 National Teacher of the Year, says in his foreword, “We need this book!”

In an unprecedented move, all 55 of the 2009 State Teachers of the Year have come together in this project, joined by several dozen other teachers and appreciative students, to write the stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teacher Tales* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, February 2010, 978-1-935096-47-4, \$14.95).

“This book is about the heart and soul of teaching and why we have committed our lives to helping children,” writes Mullen, “This book reminds us why we are teachers and why we love our work.”

Chicken Soup for the Soul’s publisher Amy Newmark is passionate about the value of education and determined to show teachers how important they are to our nation. She approached Mullen about creating a book that would inspire novice and veteran teachers alike. Mullen, a former New York City police detective who now heads up an alternative high school in Greenwich, Connecticut, was very enthusiastic about the project. He wanted his fellow 2009 State Teachers of the Year involved. He saw it as a chance for them to express their passion for teaching and their desire to restore the value of teachers in our society.

“These teachers represent some of the very best teachers in our country,” Mullen says. “These educators understand what we teach is not as important as whom we teach.”

In addition to the stories from the State Teachers of the Year, Chicken Soup for the Soul selected 46 stories from teachers, and some grateful students, from the thousands of stories that were submitted. These 101 stories truly represent the honor roll of inspirational stories for teachers. Teachers will be amused and touched by the stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teacher Tales* and will certainly feel renewed enthusiasm for the very important jobs they do for our nation.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teacher Tales (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Amy Newmark) releases in February 2010. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series which are distributed through Simon and Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 112 million copies, with titles translated into more than 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees through IMG, the world's premier licensing agent. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support and inspiration. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: www.chickensoup.com.

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