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Celebrated Local Author Jana Bommersbach to Speak at JFCS' 75th Anniversary Exhibit Premiere

Phoenix, AZ, September 2, 2010 – Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) is pleased to announce that award-winning author Jana Bommersbach will be the speaker at JFCS's 75th Anniversary Celebration at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center in Downtown Phoenix.

A highly respected investigative journalist, Bommersbach is the winner of numerous awards including The Distinguished Service Award (Arizona Press Club's highest honor), Humanitarian Award and two Don Bolles Awards, Arizona's most acclaimed reporting award. Her debut book, *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*, was one of five nonfiction books nationally to be nominated in 1993 for the prestigious Edgar Allen Poe Award. Her 2008 book, *Bones in the Desert*, examines "the true story of a mother's murder and a daughter's search."

"Jana's love of Arizona, her deep knowledge of Phoenix history, and her emphasis on the impact that women have historically had on society all make her our most exciting choice of speaker to present the history of JFCS. We are honored to feature this outstanding writer and entertaining speaker as we celebrate our agency's 75 years of compassionate service," said Frank Jacobson, Vice President of Marketing and Development for JFCS.

In 2010, Jewish Family & Children's Service celebrates its 75th year of providing care, help, and healing to those in need throughout Maricopa County. The anniversary celebration on October 30th is the premiere of the historical exhibit, *JFCS: 75 Years of Helping and Healing* featuring Ms. Bommersbach as speaker.

"Not only is the exhibit about JFCS history, but the exhibit uses the context of Phoenix history and the history of social service in Arizona from the 1930's. Our goal is that everyone who views our exhibit at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center will walk away with pride, having learned something about the people of Arizona," said Jessica Green, JFCS Marketing & Development Coordinator.

For more information about the event, visit jfcsaz.org or call 602-567-8305.

About JFCS

JFCS operates six locations across the Valley and assists over 30,000 individuals each year through various programs, including behavioral and mental health services, senior programs, aid to victims of domestic violence, child welfare services, job training for at-risk youth, and more. JFCS helps people of all ages and faiths learn how to cope more effectively with life's difficult circumstances.

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