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Neuhaus Education Center Supports Citywide Program
Adult Literacy Program to Promote Literacy and Community Conversations

May 15, 2023, Bellaire, TX – Neuhaus Education Center (NEC), a non-profit organization that specializes in literacy education, announced today its support for the "One Houston, One Book" program, a citywide initiative by the City of Houston. The program aims to promote literacy, diversity, and community conversations by encouraging individuals to read and discuss books with a common theme. It offers three book selections for different age groups, including children, teens, and adults.

City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner expressed his excitement for the program, saying, "I am thrilled to see Houstonians come together to promote literacy, diversity, and community conversations through this program. I invite everyone to participate, read, and discuss the books selected for each age group. And to our adult learners, we are excited to provide a special opportunity for you to engage in the program and improve your literacy skills. Let's come together to celebrate the power of reading and community."

As part of this initiative, the NEC Adult Literacy program will engage adults at all reading levels through a virtual summer book club. The club will read and discuss *From Farmer to Astronaut: My Path to the Stars* by Jose M. Hernandez and is available in both English and Spanish. Adult literacy students will use Bookshare to access audiobook versions of the book, and the class will be taught by experienced instructor and Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), Linda McKnight.

Lara Speights, Vice President of Family Support and Adult Literacy, said, "This program provides a great opportunity for adult learners to enhance their literacy skills, engage in meaningful discussions with their peers, and connect with their community. Reading opens doors to better-paying jobs, a hopeful future, and the skills needed in today's digital world. At Neuhaus Education Center, you can learn how to read using methods that work."

To learn more about the One Houston, One Book program and its book selections, please visit www.houstonlibrary.org/ohob.

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Neuhaus Education Center is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting reading success for all. Neuhaus provides evidence-based training and support to teachers, supplies information and resources to families, and offers direct literacy services to adult learner. Visit www.neuhaus.org to learn more.