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New Book and Video Promote Farm Safety for Children

AMES, Iowa -- A new tool is available to help communities and rural organizations prevent farm injuries to children.

Eighteen years ago, 11-year old Keith Algreen suffocated in a gravity flow wagon of shelled corn on his family's Iowa farm. After her son's death, Keith's mother, Marilyn Adams, formed Farm Safety 4 Just Kids to spare others the heartache of losing a child in a preventable farming incident. She tells her story in the *Rhythm of the Seasons...A Journey Beyond Loss* book and video. Now, a discussion guide has been developed to turn the story into positive community action.

Chuck Schwab, Extension Safety Specialist claims you develop a deep personal connection to the story when you read the book or view the video. "This emotional energy needs to be directed in a positive way and that is what the discussion guide accomplishes," he said.

The video and guide encourage personal reflection and interaction among viewers. The emotionally charged dialog can impact attitudes and lead toward positive behavior change. This guide helps facilitate discussions that can generate a powerful educational opportunity. The two items can be used as an educational resource to help families learn the importance of staying safe within the farm environment.

"The new discussion piece brings my story of the journey beyond grief to new heights. People can use it as a springboard for safer traditions," states Marilyn Adams.

The *Rhythm of the Seasons...A Journey Beyond Loss* video, book, and discussion guide can be ordered from Farm Safety 4 Just Kids by calling (800) 423-5437 or on the Web or <http://www.fs4jk.org/catalog.html>.

The discussion guide can be ordered from any ISU Extension county office, the Extension Distribution Center by calling (515) 294-5247 or on the Web at: www.extension.iastate.edu/pubs

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