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### **Local Author's Donation in Line to Reach Goal**

**Neosho, MO** - A local author is seeing his goal of \$70,000 within reach as royalties exceed \$45,000 in support of a regional center that trains college students and current educators to work effectively with children with autism. Kent Farnsworth, who writes under the pen name Allen Kent, has committed all royalties from his novels to the Behavior Support Center at Crowder College. If royalties generate sufficient revenue, the college has agreed to name the Center after the author's autistic grandson, Maddox Hill, who lives in Orem, Utah.

Kent's latest novel "Wild Whistling Blackbirds," has been at trending high on Amazon's list of new books. KindleScout voting on the book is only available four more days. You can read the book details and nominate it at: <https://kindlescout.amazon.com/p/1Q4R27T4RF46Z>

Kent's "*The Wager*," published by Kindle Press, was released in electronic format in October of 2015 and has experienced brisk sales.

"Though written well before the current political situation developed, it has turned out to be eerily timely," Farnsworth said. "That has definitely contributed to its popularity."

Kent writes across genres and his novels include something for most tastes. Three, *The Shield of Darius*, *The Weavers of Meanchey*, and *The Wager* are international thrillers and make up what is called the "Unit 1" series. His *River of Light and Shadow* is a historical novel set in 1840s Missouri and *Backwater* is a contemporary mystery set in the Illinois river town of Quincy. His sixth novel, *Guardians of the Second Son* is what Kent describes as a *Da Vinci Code* type mystery based on an early Christian tradition about the Apostle Thomas. His books can be found at [www.amazon.com/author/allenkent](http://www.amazon.com/author/allenkent).

Those interested in supporting the Maddox Hill Behavior Support Center campaign can purchase any Allen Kent novel through Amazon for \$2.99, with \$1.70 of each purchase going directly to the Autism Center through the Crowder College Foundation. Those wishing to support the effort may also make a tax deductible donation directly by going to the Foundation website at [www.crowder.edu/foundation](http://www.crowder.edu/foundation).

The Behavior Support Center at Crowder College offers programming that provides teachers, parents and other care-givers of children with autism the tools needed to help the child reach his or her full potential as productive adults. In partnership with local school districts, the center provides schooling to autistic children in the region, serving as a laboratory for college students and teachers in training.

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