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ORANGE, Calif. Words will be flying at Chapman University on Thursday, March 23 as the third annual Read Around the Clock outdoor read-aloud marathon gets underway. The marathon reading will last from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., with childrens books read aloud during the daytime hours, and short stories beginning at 6 p.m. Admission to the event is free, and families with children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend the readings. All readings will take place in the festival tent on the Bert Williams Mall (the lawn in front of Memorial Hall, close to the corner of Glassell and Palm). Books that are read aloud will also be on sale at the event.

Celebrity readers, who are mainly scheduled to read between 1 and 3 p.m., include TV and movie star Anthony Michael Hall (*The Dead Zone*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*), a longtime supporter of Chapmans literacy programs. He will be joined by noted childrens author Gary Soto (*Chatos Kitchen*, *Fearless Fernie*); Ruben Martinez, literacy advocate and founder of Santa Anas Libreria Martinez Books and Art Gallery; Ed Arnold, KOCE-TV news anchor; Ducks hockey mascot Wildwing and Ducks star Andy McDonald; Angels announcer Rex Hudler; Harald Herrmann, president and COO of the Yard House restaurants; and Chapman Board of Governors member and noted antique toy collector Ralph Tomlinson.

The rest of the reading slots will be filled by Chapman students, faculty and staff and community volunteers.

Books to be read include several childrens works by Gary Soto *A Summer Life*, *Baseball in April* and *Too Many Tamales* as well as the childrens books *The Gold Coin* by Alma Flor Ada, *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams, *The Most Beautiful Thing I Know About Horses* by Richard Van Camp, *Rainbow Tulip* by Pat Mora, *Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco, *Love as Strong as Ginger* by Lenore Look and *Mufaros Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe, among others. Grown-ups can enjoy short stories by authors Sandra Cisneros, Gary Soto, Paula Gunn Allen and others during the evening hours.

All funds raised by Read Around the Clock which is supported by sponsorships will go to support literacy programs at Chapman with significant outreaches to the community, including the Kathleen Muth Reading Center, the Anthony Michael Hall Reading Program, Early Childhood Readers, Science Literacy in Schools, All Children Can Read, the Reading at Home Program, the Orange High School Literacy Project and others.

For more information on this years Read Around the Clock, the public can call (714) 744-7953.