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KLRN PBS DEBUTS NEW VIDEO SERIES

HANK AND EMMA FAYE

TO TEACH CHILDREN SIGN LANGUAGE, INCLUSIVITY, AND KINDNESS

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KLRN Public Television, the PBS station serving South Central Texas, announces a new video series aimed at teaching children sign language, social emotional development, and normalizing those with differing abilities.

Hank and Emma Faye is an educational video series that features Emma Faye Rudkin, former Ms. San Antonio and Founder & Executive Director of Aid the Silent. Together, with her hearing dog, Hank, Emma Faye will introduce viewers to words in sign language and talk about emotions in a way that helps children properly recognize and discuss how they are feeling.

"Having Hank and Emma Faye teach kids a word in sign language opens the door to a deeper understanding of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and the value of sign language," says Shari St. Clair, Executive Producer of *Hank and Emma Faye*. "Our hope is the one-minute videos will normalize speaking and signing, by making it interesting and fun. We're delighted to have Hank and Emma Faye on board with us to share these life lessons." KLRN is currently seeking sponsors and funding for a 30 minute program.

"Most of my workdays are spent with children at school teaching them valuable lessons like inclusion, diversity, how to be friends with someone with a disability, or how to treat each other kindness," says Emma Faye Rudkin, Host of *Hank & Emma Faye*.

"During the first week of COVID lockdowns, I was heartbroken for children who were missing the rest of their school year and the loss of friendships and possible learning delays. Quickly, my mind shifted to how to come up with an inventive solution to reach children in a difficult time. The *Hank and Emma Faye* Show came to life with KLRN PBS. This is a wonderful platform on which to share these messages and both Hank and I are very excited."

Hank & Emma Faye premieres on KLRN in December 2020. Watch all episodes at klrn.org/hankandemmafaye
For more information email: emmafaye@aidthesilent.com or call Kathy at 210-885-8326.

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