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**LOCAL AUTHOR PLEDGES TO WRITE OFF THE DEBT!**

OWNINGS MILLS, MD (OCTOBER 8, 2013) THE BUCK STARTS HERE! With the Government in turmoil, Lucile McConnell, the author of *Mr. Penny and the Dragon of Domeville, The Story of Us,* steps up to write off America’s National Debt by donating all proceeds from the sale of her book to retire the Debt under Public Law 87-58. To heighten awareness of this Golden Opportunity to give something back to America, McConnell is hosting a National Day of Reciprocity on October 23rd at Artful Gourmet Bistro, 9433 Common Brook Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 ((410) 356-2606). This free, fun, family-friendly event starts at 6pm. Tell your friends and bring your pennies to contribute to retire our National Debt!

McConnell will be signing books. “We can write our own happy ending,” says McConnell. Mr. Penny’s illustrator, Igor Malov, who is visiting from the Ukraine, will also be on hand. “I was honored to have been asked to do the illustrations for such an historic book,” says Malov. “The book is dedicated to giving young children a better future….I am thinking of inviting Mr. Penny to the Ukraine to tame our debt, too,” he quips. Mr. Penny will be at Artful Gourmet, too, so you can get your photo op with him!

GET YOUR PENNIES ON! The Good News is that every American citizen, regardless of age, is empowered NOW to give something back to retire the principal of America’s National Debt under the Statute of Liberty, Public Law 87-58, signed by President Kennedy in 1961. We can celebrate America! We can say “Yes!” to America’s tomorrow! All it takes is a simple choice to give something back to our great Country. "It's not about politics, it’s about Love," says Mr. Penny.

IT’S OUR TIME TO SHINE! This is our time to take our destiny into our own hands as free citizens empowered with freedom of choice. What we cannot do alone, we can do together. We can redeem the future for our kids and leave a legacy of love, liberty, and empowerment for all future generations of Americans. We can create the Future of Our Choice! It takes a seed to have a harvest. Never underestimate the Power of a Penny!

NOW, IT’S OUR CHOICE! Lucile McConnell, the author of Mr. Penny’s story, founded the non-for-profit organization The Fund to End the Deficit in 1993 and rallied citizens, under Public Law 87-58, to make voluntary contributions to retire the National Debt through 1999. These voluntary citizen contributions, including contributions from such events as Rock the Debt, Wine Down the Debt, and Dance the Debt Away, amounted to an all time high in voluntary citizen contributions to Debt retirement during the 90’s (over $20 Million in contributions in FY 1994 alone!) and played a part in generating the budget surplus that was recorded in 1999. Ms. McConnell has been featured coast to coast in news stories on citizen voluntary debt retirement, including feature stories three times in The Washington Post, in The Washington Times, in USA Today Sunday Magazine, on Good Morning, America! and on Baltimore Channel 11 News.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS! As Mr. Penny says, “Let us fix the roof while the sun is ***still***shining!”

For more information about Mr. Penny, to receive a media kit

And your copy of *Mr. Penny and the Dragon of Domeville: The Story of Us*

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