

San Marino Mom Produces 'Big Time' Preschool DVD

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WHO WOULD have thought that a small-town, down-to-earth, constantly-on-the-move mom like

Ann Brazil would have dreams of producing a Timeout DVD for pre-schoolers?

Answer: Anyone who knows her!

For years, this San Marino mother of three has been an inspiration to many. Juggling a life that includes a child with special needs, a child who has battled and recovered from leukemia and a vibrant middle school daughter has not always been easy. Needless to say, her 'life plate' is full. But Ann is a mom with a mission.

"My road has not always been even, the bumps have been hard, but truly worth the journey," Brazil told The Tribune. "It has always been my dream to share with others all that I have learned from my experiences."

Brazil's "learning message" is spoken through her first DVD entitled 'Timeout Tot.' The main character, 'Tot,' is an adorable little squirrel puppet that teaches young children right from wrong with honest words, simple songs



TAKING TIME OUT: San Marino resident Ann Brazil is pictured with another San Marino resident and Award Winning Producer Cynthia Christopher, holding 'Tot' and their award-winning Timeout Tot DVD. Surrounding them are the San Marino and Pasadena residents who made their acting debuts in TimeOut Tot. The DVD is available in many local bookstores or by visiting timeouttot.com.

and gentle correction. Volume I of the 'Timeout Tot' DVD addresses some of the most common childhood misbehaviors including biting, whining, tantrum throwing, grabbing, pushing and cutting in line. In addition, Ann makes her video debut with some 'helpful hints' for moms.

The inspiration for this DVD evolved from raising her special

needs son, Brian.

"Having a child whose toddlerhood lasted a few years longer than the norm kept me in the 'learning and teaching zone' for a long time," confides Ann. "Sometimes I was tired and sometimes I was frustrated. There were many times when it would have really helped if I had someone who could step in and take over for a few minutes

while I regrouped."

And that's when the idea of a 'Timeout' DVD was born.

Designed by Ann and made by a Jim Henson puppet-maker, 'Tot' is captivating children and parents everywhere. Most recently it received the Dove Award.

"This was very important to us, as the Dove Foundation seal of

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approval is probably one of the most coveted in Family Entertainment," Brazil said.

The 'Timeout Tot' DVD is the answer to every frustrated parent's disciplining dilemma. It is an effective addition to the time honored 'timeout,' that on occasion every child needs. 'Timeout Tot' is now available in local toy and book stores. To preview the DVD, visit timeouttot.com.