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**MICHELLE MCCLOSKEY-ALICEA TO SIGN BOOKS AT KEENAN'S IRISH PUB FOR  
LEPRECHAUN LEAP IN WILDWOOD, NJ**

***February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Fundraiser Benefits Philadelphia Fallen Hero's Survival Fund for  
Families of Police Officers Lost in Line of Duty***

**PHILADELPHIA, PA (February 19, 2010)** – Author Michelle McCloskey-Alicea will sign copies of her debut collection, *Uprooted: Searching for Serenity* at Keenan's Irish Pub in Wildwood, NJ on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Leprechaun Leap benefit event.

The event supports the Philadelphia Fallen Hero's Survival Fund, which provides for families of Police Officers lost in the line of duty. In 2009, the 1st annual Leprechaun Polar Leap was conducted in North Wildwood, NJ. The plunge itself was conducted at the 5th Street Beach, and the post celebration and "warming" ceremonies were conducted at Keenan's Irish Pub. Additional proceeds were used to support scholarship funds in the memory of Ricky Lannetti and Britteny Shilling. The event is completely not for profit and staffed by volunteers.

This year's event kicks off with a parade at 11:30am, followed by the polar plunge at 12 noon. The post celebration and "warming" ceremonies will again be held at Keenan's Irish Pub.

McCloskey-Alicea, a native of Philadelphia and wife of Marc Alicea, a PA State Police Officer, is supporting the event by participating in the parade and signing copies before and after the polar plunge from 9:30am – 4:30pm. Michelle and her publisher Ironcutter Media are pledging a donation to support the event, in addition to the portion of proceeds Michelle donates to the Warrior and Family Support Center at Brook Army Medical Center based in San Antonio, TX.

*Uprooted: Searching for Serenity* is a stirring four-part collection of poems that recounts the long and arduous path of survival she and her family journeyed after her younger brother, Kevin McCloskey, a soldier in the United States Army, was struck by an IED while serving in Afghanistan. Therapeutic for Michelle and her family, her poetry is designed to help other families cope with similar tragedies.

Keenan's Irish Pub is located at 113 Old New Jersey Ave., N. Wildwood, NJ 08260. For more information about the event, visit [www.leprechaunleap.com](http://www.leprechaunleap.com). For more information about Michelle and *Uprooted: Searching for Serenity*, visit [www.uprootedpoetry.com](http://www.uprootedpoetry.com)

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