

What she saw made her want to change the world.



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## THE FILM

This engaging documentary gives new meaning to the term 'role model.' Normally we think of children learning from their elders, but here is the story of an eleven-year-old girl who is already inspiring other children and adults to make a difference.

When she was just five, Hannah Taylor spotted her first homeless person in the back alleys of Winnipeg. That momentous sighting not only troubled her, but compelled her to do something about it. Clearly determined, Hannah founded the Ladybug Foundation, a charity devoted to providing food and shelter for those unlucky enough to lack life's basic needs. Choosing the ladybug as a symbol of luck, Hannah set about enacting her vision. Under her leadership, the Foundation has raised over a million dollars, literally making change for many who suffer on the streets of our cities.

Hannah insists she's just a normal kid who's had lots of chances to do something; but in between playing with her friends, going to school and her extracurricular activities, Hannah still finds time to help others. As one of her adult benefactors wisely observes, Hannah is "a little person with so much insight." Indeed, being little and doggedly persistent, Hannah manages to get big things done. With over 200,000 homeless people in Canada, big things need to be done. "We all need the same things," Hannah observes in her typically understated way and continues to support the development of a new emergency shelter for homeless people.

Hannah's message is disarmingly straightforward, coming as it does from "little-kid-type theories": "Share a little of what you have and always care about others," and "Love them like family — they need that most of all." Whether it's organizing "Big Boss" lunches, speaking to students or to a prime minister, Hannah's capacity to help others is huge, unflagging, and, ultimately, humbling. We all have a lot to learn from **Hannah's Story**.

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## ABOUT THE FILMMAKER



Juanita Peters began working in the broadcast industry in 1981 as a newscaster for the Annapolis Valley Radio Network. She spent several years in radio before moving on to television in 1989. Peters served as a television journalist and anchor for CHSJ Television and later became a member of the CBC supertime news team in New Brunswick, where she remained until 1996. In 1996 Juanita began working for production companies in Nova Scotia, and in 1999 she formed her own production company and began developing documentary and series television shows. Her 2003 NFB production, **I Made a Vow**, received two Golden Sheaf Award nominations. **Hannah's Story** is her second documentary with the Film Board. She has also performed in plays, TV movies and feature films.

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