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**Ann Patton publishes book on Dan Allen**

Tulsa, Okla. – Ann Patton will be publishing her new book “Give a Damn! Father Dan Allen’s War on Poverty” in December 2011. The book looks into the life of the Tulsa icon, Dan Allen, who dedicated over 30 years of his life to helping the poor. “Writing about the work of Dan Allen and those he inspired and documenting Tulsa’s civil rights struggles in the 1960-1990 era has been a great honor,” said Patton. She explores Tulsa’s history and talks about many controversial subjects. The book is about truth. Patton has done extensive research and stands by the fact that everything in her book is true. The book takes a look at what was happening at that time in Tulsa and what Dan Allen did to make a difference. “Give a Damn!” digs deep into the history of Tulsa and reveals a lot of information that former and current Tulsan’s were not aware of. “The story of Dan Allen has universal meaning. Ann Patton does a masterful job of inspiring us through the story and captivates us by the power of his example,” says Rodger Randle, former Tulsa mayor. Patton is excited about the launch of her new book that will be available around Christmas.

Dan Allen was a Catholic priest who created the organization Neighbor for Neighbor. His goal with the organization was to help those in need and in return those who received help would help others in need. He focused a great deal on helping people understand poverty. Dan inspired hundreds of people to be a part in the fight against poverty. He passed away in 1995.