



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016



### Concord Village Lions Club teams with nonprofit to better lives of military children

KIRKWOOD, MO (March 8th, 2016) – Not-for-profit organization Little Patriots Embraced (LPE) is announcing a collaborative venture with the Concord Village branch of the international Lions Club volunteer organization. Presentation of the check will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Sam's Steakhouse, located at 10205 Gravois Rd, with members from the O'Fallon Lions Club also in attendance. The Concord Village Lions Club organization will be presenting a check to Little Patriots' co-founder and executive director, Carol Watanabe.

The generous contribution will help LPE assist children with of active-duty military personnel. This donation will provide funds to programs and resources LPE produces, including a family deployment package designed for specifically for military children, an emergency fund which offers monetary assistance for family emergencies and financial support for childcare and camp tuition to help those married to deployed personnel, and several youth development deployment programs.

"I am so appreciative and grateful for the generosity of the Concord Village Lions Club organization" Watanabe said. "This donation will allow LPE to continue its efforts in helping a military child wherever he or she may be. Bringing a smile to the faces of children that have a family member who is serving on our behalf gives me so much joy. LPE thanks the Concord Village branch of the Lions Club for this contribution toward keeping those smiles firmly planted on these amazing little patriots!"

Zach Belyew, First Vice President, Concord Village Lions Club, and Chairman of their Foundation added, "We strive to give to local charities that we feel have a good mission and provide a strong impact on the St. Louis and surrounding communities. Our Foundation Committee was impressed with the mission and dedication of Little Patriots Embraced, and unanimously voted to support this organization."

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#### About Little Patriots Embraced

Little Patriots Embraced (LPE) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charity based in St. Louis, MO. LPE serves military families across the country, with a special focus on the children, as they face the emotional stress of separation, deployment and post deployment issues. Little Patriots Embraced has served over 52,000 military children and thousands of families over the past 12 years. The organization is a home-front Group Charity and is listed on the Department of Defense website [www.ourmilitary.mil](http://www.ourmilitary.mil).

#### About the Concord Village Lions Club

The Lions Club of Concord Village, Missouri is a member of the Lions Club International group. The Concord Village Lions Club has supported Lions Sight Programs and other charities since the club was chartered in 1950. Since then the Concord Village Lions Club has contributed nearly \$3,000,000.00 to worthy causes in the St. Louis area. We have been able to accomplish this because of the generosity of sponsors and participants at our events, such as: World Class Boat Races, Fish for Sight, Memorial Golf, Trivia Night and Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament. Contact information can be found on the homepage, <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/concordv/index.php>

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**Media is invited to cover this event and interview members of both groups.** To learn more about the organization and their effort to serve our military families, visit the website [www.littlepatriotsembraced.org](http://www.littlepatriotsembraced.org) or contact David Meyer via e-mail at [littlepatriotsembraced@gmail.com](mailto:littlepatriotsembraced@gmail.com) or by telephone by calling 314-821-5800.