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Mehlville students and nonprofit clean up veterans community for “Plant The Seed Day”

KIRKWOOD, MO (April 14th, 2016) – Not-for-profit organization Little Patriots Embraced (LPE) is teaming up with students and faculty from Oakville High School, representing the Mehlville School District, to provide service in cleaning up the U.S. VETS – St. Louis community, located at 8410 Engler Park. The day of service will take place on April 19, 2016. Home Depot and McAlister's Deli are also providing their services for “Plant The Seed Day”, the second year LPE and U.S.VETS – St. Louis Initiative have collaborated.

Weather permitting, the 45 sophomore students will offer their help outside in reinforcing flowerbeds and cleaning up the yard surrounding the complex. Whatever the weather condition is, students will also be painting inside the building. The purpose of the day is to give the students more exposure to what military life is like for military veterans.

Carol Watanabe, founder and executive director of Little Patriots Embraced, says “I could not be more grateful to Bill Wallace for having us again this year. ‘Plant The Seed Day’ allows the students to learn about what we do here at LPE and how we support our Military families each and every day, while also teaching them the importance of service. This event was a great success last year and we are encouraged that we will have an even better event this year!”

Bill Wallace, Executive Director of the U.S.VETS – St. Louis, added “This really means a great deal to those who live here. It helps boost their morale and helps them to become invested with those in the community here, as well as the community at large. I am appreciative of the Mehlville School District and Little Patriots Embraced for what they will be doing with us and for learning more about what we do at the U.S. Veterans Initiative”.

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 57,000 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.

About U.S.VETS – St. Louis and United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS)

U.S.VETS – St. Louis is part of United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS), the nation’s largest nonprofit provider of comprehensive services to homeless and at-risk veterans. With 21 residential sites and nine service centers in cities across six states, the District of Columbia, and the territory of Guam, U.S.VETS provides services such as counseling, job placement, case management, employment assistance, and drug and alcohol-free housing. U.S.VETS has touched the lives of over 17,000 total veterans and family members through its programs. More information can be found on the homepage, <http://www.usvetsinc.org/>

Media is invited to cover this event and interview participants. To learn more about LPE and it’s and effort to serve our military families, visit the website www.littlepatriotsembraced.org or contact David Meyer via e-mail at littlepatriotsembraced@gmail.com or by telephone by calling 314-821-5800.