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**LOCAL AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU MEMBER TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT BUSH AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

Little Patriots Embraced to Meet with the President Alongside Emmy Award-Winning Actor Gary Sinise to Discuss Efforts of ASY Member Organizations Nationwide

WASHINGTON—*Little Patriots Embraced*, a Chesterfield, Mo.-based organization, is one of fourteen groups that has been invited by **President George W. Bush** for a special White House meeting on **June 26, 2006 at 10 a.m.** of *America Supports You* team members to discuss their work and to thank them for their support of the military at home and abroad. Emmy Award-winning actor **Gary Sinise** will also participate in his role as a celebrity spokesperson for the *America Supports You* campaign. Sinise is a founder of the Kansas-based organization *Operation Iraqi Children*, also an *America Supports You* team member.

Immediately following the meeting, Sinise and other ASY members will convene outside the West Wing for an open-press Q&A to discuss their meeting with the president. *America Supports You* is an outreach program, launched by the Department of Defense, to recognize citizens' support for our military men and women and to communicate that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families at home and abroad.

Little Patriots Embraced is a non-profit organization based in St. Louis whose mission is to reduce the emotional and psychological stress faced by the families of the deployed U.S. military serving throughout the world. The goal of the program is to deliver emotional and psychological support for the children and spouses of deployed military through personal family care packages; to empower military spouses through educational scholarships; to assist with employment of military spouses; and to show thanks from the American people for the sacrifices they make for our country. To learn more, visit www.littlepatriotsembraced.com.

WHO: **Michelle Williams**, Executive Director of Little Patriots Embraced, an *America Supports You* team member
WHAT: Available for interview regarding meeting with **President George W. Bush** and Actor **Gary Sinise** at the White House
WHEN: Upon request
HOW: Phone or in person

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About America Supports You:

America Supports You is an ongoing nationwide program that helps showcase American's support for the men and women of the Armed Forces. Since its launch in November of 2004 by the Department of Defense, *America Supports You* has welcomed 225 member organizations and more than 20 corporate sponsors to its team. Many *America Supports You* team members support the troops by writing letters, sending care packages, helping the wounded when they return home, assisting military families, sending e-mails or simply extending kind gestures to the troops. To learn more about how you can support military personnel please visit www.americasupportsyouth.com.

About Gary Sinise:

Gary Sinise, best known for his work as Lt. Dan in the Academy Award winning film *Forrest Gump* and as *Detective Mac Taylor* in "CSI: New York," is often noted for his efforts in raising awareness about the sacrifices made by members of the military. He is a celebrity member of the "America Supports You" campaign and performed with his Lt. Dan Band at an *America Supports You* Salute at the Pentagon in May during Military Appreciation Month. Sinise recently received the prestigious Superior Public Service Award from Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England for his support of U.S. service members. Sinise is a founder of the Kansas-based organization *Operation Iraqi Children*.

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