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La Petite Academy Celebrates National Hat Day

Kids collecting hats to help patients who lose hair from cancer or other medical conditions

CHALFONT, Penn., January 8, 2009 – La Petite Academy – located at 2000 Horizon Road – is excited to celebrate National Hat Day on Thursday, January 15th in a very special way.

Throughout the month, the early education and child care provider will be collecting donated hats throughout the month of January for The Heavenly Hats Foundation™, a non-profit organization. Hats can be donated all month at the academy between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Heavenly Hats Foundation collects and distributes brand new hats of all kinds to those heroes of all ages who lose their hair due to the treatment of cancer or the many other medical conditions which may cause hair loss. The Heavenly Hats Foundation was founded by teenager Anthony Leanna when he was only 10 years old.

Since being founded in 2001, Heavenly Hats has distributed more than 350,000 brand-new hats to hundreds of hospitals and clinics around the United States. Thousands more have been shipped directly to individuals. The goal is to help every patient who is in need of headwear for warmth, comfort, courage and strength.

In support of this cause, students at La Petite Academy will participate in a parade around the school on Monday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. wearing a variety of different hats.

“Our students are really excited about collecting donations for the Heavenly Hats Foundation because they understand how hard it must be for a child who loses their hair due to illness,” said Cathy Pilipczuk, director. “This type of campaign also ties in perfectly with the Kids of Character component of our curriculum which provides meaningful ways for children to develop positive character traits such as kindness and respect.”

For more information or to donate items, please contact La Petite Academy directly at 215-997-9050.

About La Petite

Headquartered in Chicago, La Petite Academy is a leader in early childhood education with more than 550 schools in 36 states and the District of Columbia. Its *Journey@* curriculum takes a total approach to learning, focusing on six areas of development, including Language, Cognitive, Socio-Emotional, Physical, Creativity-Arts and Character Building. Each program is based on age-appropriate learning objectives and is designed to keep children on the right pace for their development. For more information on La Petite Academy or to find a school in your area, please visit www.lapetite.com.