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La Petite Academy Collects Items for Local Domestic Violence Shelter
Donations from the community to help A Woman's Place

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 24, 2009 – Students from La Petite Academy – located at 1713 Broadmoor Dr. – will be collecting items to benefit A Woman's Place in Urbana throughout the month of April. A Woman's House provides a place for adults and children who escape domestic violence situations to stay on an emergency basis.

Items requested by A Woman's House include:

- New or gently used books; coloring books; activity books; crayons
- Outdoor items including sidewalk chalk, bubbles, hula hoops
- New children's swimsuits

Items can be dropped off at the Champaign academy between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. throughout the month of April.

"Our children are really hoping to collect as many items as possible to help out other children their own age ... they understand the big difference these small things can make," said Barbara Shelton, academy director. "This 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 217-352-4660

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.

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