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SMS Delivers Smiles to Military Families in Columbia & Sumter, SC

WHO: Media, Military Spouses & their children, Our Littlest Heroes

WHAT: *Military Spouse and Littlest Heroes Appreciation Care Package* Delivery Party

WHEN: March 23, 2016

WHERE: Columbia- Polo Road Park 730 Polo Rd. **10:30AM-12PM**

Sumter- Jasmine Hall-Rec Dept. 155 Haynsworth St. **2PM-3:30PM**

WHY: "Military spouses and their families sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy," said Dr. Steven and Diane Rumley, Co-founders *Support Military Spouses*. "By giving an *Appreciation Care Package*, we wish to say thank you on behalf of a grateful nation."



ABOUT:

Support Military Spouses goal is to recognize and applaud the undaunted courage of military wives and husbands as they shoulder the responsibility of family life, care for wounded warriors, and honor the memory of our nation's fallen heroes. We do this with the help of patriotic volunteers, committed partners, and through programs that educate, appreciate and reaffirm the sacrifice, patriotism and selflessness of all military spouses.

Appreciation Care Packages for military spouses, the nation's only program of its kind, is the *flagship* of *Support Military Spouses*. It is our vision and goal to assemble, collect, and distribute *Appreciation Care Packages* filled with items that are encouraging in nature to every U.S. military wife or husband whose spouse is active duty. *Support Military Spouses* is a Christian non-profit organization. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.SupportMilitarySpouses.org or call 919-274-7344.

SUPPORT:

Support Military Spouses acknowledges the help and support of all their community partners and sponsors. The generosity of Penske, the Walmart Foundation, Wells Fargo, Hallmark, Mattel, American Bible Society, Chick-fil-A & Fort Jackson Family Housing ensures deserving military spouses and children receive encouragement in the form of an *Appreciation Care Package*.



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The countless daily sacrifices that military spouses and their children make are often underappreciated or overlooked.

One unique non-profit organization is doing all it can to rectify that oversight. On Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10:30am & 2pm, Support Military Spouses will deliver *Appreciation Care Packages* for Military Spouses and Children in Columbia & Sumter, SC respectively.

Hundreds of volunteers throughout North and South Carolina assembled the *Appreciation Care Packages* destined for military families in Columbia & Sumter.

The assembly-line effort is part of the *Appreciation Care Packages* program organized by *Support Military Spouses*.

The program, whose main focus is on military spouses, is the only kind in the nation.

Support Military Spouses Co-Founders Dr. Steven and Mrs. Diane Rumley said, "This program is a way to recognize and appreciate the multitude of challenges facing spouses and their children."



Each *Appreciation Care Package* for a military spouse contains a wide array of gifts, including jewelry and a New Testament. Each *Appreciation Care Package* for a military child has an assortment of gifts, as well, which all include a book about Jesus.

"But just as importantly," said the Rumley's, "each package carries a personal handwritten card. Those heartfelt messages, penned by thousands of Carolina school children and patriotic adults, have made an emotional impact on the military families in the past years."



Now in its eighth year, *Support Military Spouses* is expanding an already strong relationship with military families.

The organization serves NC military bases Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson AFB, SC military bases Joint Base Charleston, Fort Jackson, Shaw AFB, and GA military base Moody AFB.

The organization has implemented two programs to help spouses improve their financial knowledge and work skills including hosting military spouse job fairs.

Money Management Workshops aim to help spouses build a strong credit score, provide tips for credit card usage and teach proper budgeting.

Job Skills Training provides useful skills on resume writing, proper usage of social media and job research. *Support Military Spouses* hosts Job Fairs exclusively for spouses, connecting qualified military spouses with military friendly employers.

Both programs are offered near the military bases. In addition, spouses have access to program information and tips via webinars, emails and social media. **To register, visit www.SupportMilitarySpouses.org.**

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