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Little People of America Getting Their “Game On” In Arizona

MESA, Arizona, April 23, 2015 - Little People of America (LPA), the largest dwarfism support organization in the world, will be holding a multi-district regional conference April 23rd – 26th at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa. The conference will bring together over 300 LPA members and their families from across the country to provide medical, educational, and social support and resources catering to the diversity of the different types of dwarfism represented within the organization.

“We are absolutely thrilled that we have members traveling not only from the western states, but from all over the country as well to attend this event,” said Angie Giuffre, LPA’s Western Regional Representative. “It promises to be so much more than the average regional, and has been coined as LPA’s mini National.”

Included in the highlights from Trifecta 2015 will be an esteemed medical panel of doctors specializing in dwarfism from various organizations across the country. They include among others Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Hospital. The panel of specialists will provide both medical resources and information for those in attendance through both educational workshops and medical evaluations.

Among other highlights for Trifecta 2015 will be 20 different specialty workshops, Dwarf Athletic Association (DAAA) sanctioned soccer and bocce ball competitions, a “North vs. South” softball game, kids and teen events, multiple music and entertainment venues, an adaptive SCUBA Diving Class, and an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game. Each of these events is centered on the highlight of the four-day conference, which is the Saturday night banquet and dance featuring a keynote address from the Arizona Diamondbacks major league baseball organization.

Individuals from the Dwarf Athletic Association of America, Arizona Amateur Softball Association, Gilbert High School Softball, Arizona Youth Soccer Association, American Youth Soccer Organization, as well as David Cameron, Phoenix College Head Men's Soccer Coach, Persephone Dimson of Demeter Music, Brian Towle with TSA, and Cody Unser's First Step Foundation, amongst others, have all given their time to make this conference a grand slam. Many LPA members have devoted countless hours to this endeavor as well.

“We are blessed beyond measure to have such high caliber organizations volunteering their time in collaboration of this event,” said Gaill Blackburn, past 2012-2014 President of the local LPA Chapter and average-height mom of Britney who has dwarfism. “Our daughter’s difference, and LPA, is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Before I had Britney, I went through life with blinders on. Thanks to her, and others like her, I see life differently and no longer take simple tasks for granted such as reaching and driving. Britney, and all LPs, work hard to adapt to an environment built for people of average stature – it’s our job as an organization and a community to advocate for a world that is more accommodating to everyone. To watch your child grow up in such an incredibly supportive group is absolutely priceless.”

About Little People of America, Inc. (LPA)

Little People of America, Inc., is a national nonprofit organization that provides support and information to people of short stature and their families. Short stature is generally caused by one of the more than 200 medical conditions known as dwarfism. LPA has more than 6000 members across the United States and internationally, with 13 districts and 70 chapters. LPA provides social interaction, parent and peer support, medical support and education, scholarships and grants. Our members range from newborns to senior citizens, little people and average height. Dwarfism cuts across all religions, ethnicities, and economic levels.