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Local Woman Honored with National Service Award

Downingtown resident receives Presidential award for involvement in local non-profit



Exton, PA – Hillary DeLone, a resident of Downingtown, was recently awarded the national Daily Point of Light Award. The award honors individuals and volunteer groups that have made a commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities. DeLone was recognized for her work with Mommy's Light Lives On Fund®, a non-profit organization that brings joy and comfort to children and teens whose mothers are terminally ill or have died by helping them keep alive family traditions and simple pleasures.

The Daily Point of Light Award focuses on the goals for children and youth set by the President's Summit for America's Future. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country receives a Daily Point of Light Award. DeLone received a certificate in the mail as well as a plaque recognizing her outstanding service from President George W. Bush.

“Hillary became active in Mommy's Light after she faced a serious health illness which she fortunately overcame. In turn, Hillary has dedicated tremendous time and effort to helping families who are not as fortunate as hers – families in which mothers have died,” said Laura Munts, Executive Director of Mommy's Light, who nominated DeLone for the award. “Mommy's Light is very lucky to have Hillary as our 5K Race Chair, go-to fundraiser, and friend and we are thrilled she has been recognized for the tremendous person she is.”

DeLone organized the first Mommy's Light Lives On Fund® 5K Race fundraiser in 2005 to raise money to assist in providing direct services and bereavement education materials to children whose mothers have died. DeLone and her race team raised more than \$20,000 in sponsorships in the first year of a very local race, and more than 230 people participated. The second 5K Race garnered over 700 participants and more than \$30,000 in sponsorships. DeLone also single-handedly recruited MC3, a video production company in West Chester, PA, to donate their services to produce Mommy's Light's groundbreaking DVD *When a Mother Dies...Breaking Down the Walls of Silence*.

The 3rd annual 5K Race to benefit Mommy's Light Lives On Fund® will be held Saturday, April 28, 2007 in the Eagleview Corporate Center in Exton, PA. Race t-shirts are only guaranteed for the first 300 registrants so please register early by visiting www.active.com or by emailing Alison@mommyslight.org. To become a race sponsor, please email mlrace@comcast.net.

About Mommy's Light Lives On Fund®

Mommy's Light Lives On Fund® brings joy and comfort to children and teens by helping them keep alive traditions and simple pleasures they shared with their mothers who are terminally ill or have died. Mommy's Light's free tradition fulfillment services and bereavement education materials are available to more than 20,000 children, teens and families living in the Delaware Valley region. As a result of Mommy's Light's extensive ongoing education and outreach efforts, more than 1,800 area school counselors, social workers, bereavement professionals, funeral homes, religious organizations and medical professionals are aware of the organization's services and have applications to give to eligible children and families. For more information, please visit www.mommyslight.org or call (610) 725-9790.