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Join the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and Assist Children of Military Families Living in La Mesa Military Housing

La Mesa, California, October 16, 2023 - Want to make a difference this holiday season for the children of military personnel that live in La Mesa military housing? Then join the members of the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and purchase toys, diapers and other items that will make their holiday season special. The Chamber is coordinating this holiday project with **Liberty Military Housing** and are collecting toys, diapers, and other items for children of military families living in La Mesa military housing between the ages of 2 -13 years old. We are thrilled to announce our partnership with **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** and will be holding our toy drive party at the **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** in Grossmont Center. We are seeking sponsors who can join our Supporting Sponsor **Kristie Facto State Farm Insurance**. "The La Mesa Chamber is honored to be a part of this endeavor and making a difference in the lives of these children and their families, that do so much for our country," stated Mary England, President & CEO.

The Chamber is reaching out to their members and anyone within the community that may have a passion for helping children during the holidays. A celebration and the final collection of toys and gift items will take place on Tuesday, December 5th at **BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse**, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, in Grossmont Center between the hours of 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Admission is complimentary to Chamber members bringing a new, unwrapped toy, Non-Member guests \$15 each and bring an unwrapped toy and \$20 each for all "at door" guests and bring a new unwrapped toy, as well. The evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, salads, and signature pizzas. Make your reservation by Thursday, November 30th to: rsvp@lamesachamber.com.

Those that are unable to attend the event but wish to donate may contact the Chamber office, 619-465-7700 to make arrangements to either deliver the toys or have them picked up. **Liberty Military Housing** facilitates holiday events for over 2,000 military children within our region. This project allows the **La Mesa Chamber of Commerce** to continue their commitment to making a difference in La Mesa and the lives of those within our community.