



## For Immediate Release

### Area Early Education Center Gives Back

Little Sprouts participates in Relay for Life and Walk for Hunger

Merrimack Valley, MA, Thursday, April 5, 2007 – Little Sprouts Early Education Centers are giving back to the community by walking for charities. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Little Sprouts staff and families will gather in Boston to participate in Project Bread's 39<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Hunger. "We're excited to put together a team to walk for such a great mission," commented Methuen Center Executive Director Erica Reed. Additionally, on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, staff and families will again walk to for the Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society. The relay is located on the campus track of Northern Essex Community College, next to the Haverhill Little Sprouts Center. This two day event begins on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm to Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Kate Beckwith, Associate Executive Director of the Haverhill Center noted, "It's great that we'll be able to make strides as a team that will help make research possible to fight against cancer." Both teams aim to raise five hundred dollars each for the respective charities. To help Little Sprouts reach its donation goals or to participate on the Little Sprouts Walk for Hunger team, contact Erica at [ereed@littlesprouts.com](mailto:ereed@littlesprouts.com). If you'd like to assist Little Sprouts in its challenge to raise money for the American Cancer Society, contact Kate at [kbeckwith@littlesprouts.com](mailto:kbeckwith@littlesprouts.com).

#### About Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers

Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers have been leaders in High Quality Childhood Education since 1982, focusing on involving families in each child's development and education. From the beginning, Little Sprouts has been committed to creating a holistic experience for children, combining a stimulating atmosphere and cutting-edge curriculum with an outstanding range of services. Little Sprouts has received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Education for the quality of their programs, having been named a Preschool Center of Educational Excellence and awarded the prestigious Early Reading First Grant two times, once in September 2003 for \$1.5M and again in September 2006 for \$3.49M. Little Sprouts centers include seven sites in Andover, Methuen, Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Westford and Roxbury. Founder Susan Leger-Ferraro has been recognized as Intriguing Individual of the North Shore by *North Shore Living* in 2005 and received the YWCA's Tribute to Women in 2004. For more information visit [www.littlesprouts.com](http://www.littlesprouts.com)

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