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MCEC® Receives 2008 Niarchos Survivorship Prize in New York City

HARKER HEIGHTS, Texas - The Military Child Education Coalition™ (MCEC®) today received the 2008 Organization Niarchos Survivorship Prize in recognition of their efforts to support military-connected children around the world. The MCEC® accepted the award from Survivor Corps and the Stavros R. Niarchos Foundation at an awards luncheon in New York City attended by ____ people. Survivor Corps and the Niarchos Foundation are international organizations dedicated to assisting survivors of war recover physically, emotionally and socially to build a more peaceful world.

“We are thrilled to accept this award,” said Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of the MCEC. “It is a special honor to receive this recognition from the Survivor Corps and the Niarchos Foundation, two organizations so committed to the cause of those afflicted by war and trauma.”

The Organization Niarchos Survivorship Prize is awarded each year to an organization whose “mission promotes resilience and survivorship among victims of landmines, war and terrorism.” The MCEC® was awarded the 2008 prize for its “Living in the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss™ (LINN™) initiative that provides support to military families who have lost a loved one or are coping with a life-changing injury or illness. Through educator trainings, “public engagement” sessions to plan homefront support for military children and a comprehensive resource library, the MCEC® provides families and communities the tools they need to cope with the changes and challenges of wartime.

“We believe the LINN™ initiative at MCEC® reflects the values and goals of the Niarchos Survivorship Prize,” says Jerry White, Executive Director of Survivor Corps. “We cannot imagine a more worthy recipient for 2008.”

The Niarchos Survivorship Prize program was established in 2004 to promote resilience and recovery for war-torn communities. It encourages survivors of war, conflict and genocide to contribute to “reconstruction, reconciliation and healthy people living in healthy and peaceful societies.”

About the MCEC®

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC™) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization that identifies the challenges that face the highly mobile military-connected child, increases awareness of these challenges in military and educational communities and initiates and implements programs to meet these challenges. The MCEC™ seeks to include all military installations, their supporting schools, concerned organizations and caring individuals. For more information, please visit www.militarychild.org.

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