



NEWS RELEASE

For more information, contact:

Name: Josh Mueller
501st Legion Public Relations
E-mail: pro@501st.com

Name: Angie Mayhew
Peter Mayhew Foundation
E-mail: pwmayhew@aol.com

Name: Lauren Lys
Rebel Legion Public Relations
E-mail: lpro@rebellegion.com

501ST LEGION, REBEL LEGION, & PETER MAYHEW FOUNDATION INDUCTS SPECIAL MEMBER: KATHLYN CHASSEY, THE LITTLEST WOOKIEE

Los Angeles, California, December 22, 2016 – At the world premiere of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, Angie and Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca) spoke with 501st and Rebel Legion representatives about a special friend battling cystic fibrosis. Kathlyn Chassey was denied a lung transplant, but against all odds, she boarded a C-130J last Monday. With the tremendous assistance of Matthew Egan and a large team from San Antonio, Kathlyn was transferred to *Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center* for additional treatment. On December 16th, we learned that she has been officially placed on the transplant list!

The 501st Legion and Rebel Legion are proud to support the Peter Mayhew Foundation in Kathlyn's fight: **#LifeDayForKathlyn** and **#LittlestWookiee** are the hashtags that have gone internationally viral throughout the organizations.

Kat has been a longtime fan of Star Wars, and one of her dreams is to become a member of the 501st and Rebel Legion. Through generous donations from Walt Vongher and Ercia Stahlschmidt, Kathlyn can proudly say "Achievement Unlocked" as **TX-65651** of Vader's Fist: <http://501st.com/members/displaymember.php?userID=23270&costumeID=136>

The Littlest Wookiee has also been inducted as a **Friend of the Rebel Legion**, honoring her fight against cystic fibrosis. Thanks to the efforts of many Rebel Legion Base Commanders, Kathlyn's story made it to Jeff Rodriquez and Jamie "Gingersnap" Arielle, who generously provided Kathlyn with a Rebel pilot helmet and movie-accurate Wookiee mask.

501st and Rebel Legion members across the globe have provided wonderful gift packages to lift Kathlyn's spirits while she continues her fight in California. The outpouring from fans has been incredible, but costs related to the treatments will place a heavy burden on Kathlyn and her



NEWS RELEASE

family. Donations for the family can be contributed through the Peter Mayhew Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Donate now: <http://bit.ly/DonatePMF>

Additionally, a fundraiser auction has been launched at <http://ebay.to/2i1fUZb> which includes an opportunity to own one-of-a-kind items:

- A braid of real Chewbacca hair mixed with Peter Mayhew's
- Hand-crafted metal Mandalorian armor
- Autographed photos of Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca) and Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett)

You can follow Kathlyn's story at www.lifedayforkathlyn.com.

ABOUT THE 501ST LEGION

The 501st Legion is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to bringing beloved Star Wars characters to life. Founded in 1997, the 501st Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars fandom, through the building and wearing of quality costumes. The group facilitates the use of these costumes for Star Wars-related events, as well as contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work.

Web: 501st.com | Facebook: facebook.com/The501stLegion | Twitter: @501stLegion

ABOUT THE REBEL LEGION

The Rebel Legion is an international Star Wars costuming fan club. Members create and wear costumes of the hero characters from the Star Wars saga. Much like the Rebellion in the Star Wars movies, an alliance of Rebel costumers first appeared in mid-1999 from the ranks of the 501st Legion that wished to celebrate the heroes of Star Wars. Since its inception, the Rebel Legion has been a volunteer organization of costume enthusiasts who enjoy, express, and share their interests in the Star Wars fan community, supporting charitable causes and community involvement.

Web: rebellegion.com | Facebook: facebook.com/TheRebelLegion | Twitter: @RebelLegion

ABOUT THE PETER MAYHEW FOUNDATION

The Peter Mayhew Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded by Angie and Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca). The foundation supports community-based charitable endeavors focusing on children's hospitals, veteran's centers, special-needs children, and high-risk children. The Peter Mayhew Foundation frequently partners with the 501st Legion and Rebel Legion to support other charitable organizations.

Web: www.petermayhewfoundation.org | Facebook: facebook.com/thePMF | Twitter: @ThePMF