



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
THE ORANGES AND SHORT HILLS**

*Women building better communities*

**From: Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills**

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**WITH PHOTO - Caption:**

TV host Steve Aduato heard about *The Littlest Volunteers* from JLOSH president Sandy Loprete (right) for CN8's One-on-One Program on Dec. 9. Deerfield student Anna Loprete, 7, joined mom for the recording.

**Littlest Volunteers Project Makes the Small Screen**

A pioneering local volunteer project makes its TV debut next week (Dec. 9) when it is aired on CN8's "One on One with Steve Aduato".

Aduato interviewed Sandy Loprete, president of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH), about *The Littlest Volunteers*, a ground-breaking storybook and program created by women in the local chapter.

*The Littlest Volunteers* introduces children to the values and rewards of volunteering in a fun and colourful way and is thought to be the first such book aimed specifically at elementary school age children.

"This TV show offers a wonderful opportunity to tell a wider audience about how JLOSH is teaching young children about volunteering in their community and how they can each make a difference," said Loprete.

"I told Steve Aduato about the work we have been doing in local classrooms. He was obviously impressed, asking why the book was not in every school library across the nation. In fact, JLOSH has already started working towards a national roll-out."

The show will broadcast on the Comcast Network at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

For the past two years, *The Littlest Volunteers* has been part of the second grade social studies curriculum in the Millburn School District. Last month (November), every second grade class read *The Littlest Volunteers*. Students not only discussed the concept of volunteerism, they became volunteers. Each student made a courage bracelet and wrote a personal note of inspiration for children hospitalized at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

As well as enhancing existing social studies programs, the book – written by JLOSH member and mom Danielle Speckhart – is an inspiring tale for individual readers.

It comes with a storybook CD read by actress/singer Raven Symoné, and an original song, “Come On and Volunteer!” The associated Web site is packed with fun activities, advice and parent/teacher resources.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers within its service area of East Orange, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, Short Hills, South Orange, Springfield and West Orange. It reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins and its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

For more information, please visit JLOSH.org or call (973) 379-9655.

The Littlest Volunteers is available from [www.littlestvolunteers.org](http://www.littlestvolunteers.org) and from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).