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### **“LUKE’S WINGS HITS HIGH NUMBERS IN THEIR USO FUNDRAISING EVENT”**

Washington, D.C., (October 9, 2008) - On September 25, 2008, Luke’s Wings and *Fifty Six* held their 1940’s themed “USO” fundraising event at City Tavern Club in Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

Despite the rainy night, Luke’s Wings supporters came out to support our nation’s wounded warriors. Partygoers, dressed in fabulous 40’s attire, were able to dance the night away to the “Sultans of Swing,” while others watched the Presidential debate in the private TV rooms. Attended by more than 230 guests and covered by both the media and local blogs, the cocktail party was a great success. The event grossed more than \$10,000 from ticket sales, online donations, and a silent auction held at the end of the event.

“Our USO themed party was one of several successful events to date. We not only raised enough money to pay for our next family, but had enough left over to finance a minimum of two more families. We are currently accepting applications on our website at [www.lukeswings.org](http://www.lukeswings.org),” said Fletcher Gill, co-founder of Luke’s Wings.

“The success of the USO party represents how far we have come as an organization and how dedicated people are to this cause. And we are just getting warmed up. As our first year comes to a close, we are focusing on winning corporate sponsorships, creating a ‘sustaining membership’ population, and bringing in as many families as possible for the holiday season. Our next big initiative will be to ensure that no hero spends the holidays alone.”

The funds raised will help the non-profit organization cover the cost of the last two families flown in September, as well as future families visits..

#### **About Luke’s Wings**

Luke’s Wings is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of service members who have been wounded while fighting for our country. Recognizing the immediate need for families to be with their loved ones at such a difficult time, Luke’s Wings provides families with the means to visit service members during their hospitalization and rehabilitation. By purchasing travel agency services and travel tickets

for service members loved ones, Luke's Wings provides an immediate and invaluable service to families of our men and women at arms. For additional information or to make a donation, please visit [www.lukeswings.org](http://www.lukeswings.org) or mail checks to Luke's Wings Inc. at 20 Ritchfield Court, Rockville, MD, 20850.