

We first met **Lisa Kear** a year ago at kindergarten registration. As I was filling out the paperwork for a nervous, shy, 5-year-old, she welcomed my daughter with a smile. My daughter then offered the picture she had just colored to her new “friend,” and Ms. Kear told her that she’d put it up in her new office at Liberty Elementary School. Sure enough, six months later, my daughter was greeted at her new school with that same warm smile and shown the picture that she had colored so many months earlier. I can’t express how comfortable and important that made her feel. As the weeks and months passed, we experienced some difficulty outside of her school life. Ms. Kear often checked on my daughter before, during and even after school just to make sure she was OK and comfortable with her new environment. The calmness she brings to not only my child, but all children I have seen her interact with, is nothing but amazing. Recently, our family experienced the tragic death of my husband. I cannot tell you how the leaders of Liberty Elementary, charged by Lisa Kear, have embraced my family. It has been nothing short of spectacular. A “Fred” nomination cannot scratch the surface of what Ms. Kear means to my daughter and me, but I thought it might be one small way I can show my gratitude.

– Submitted by Tina Segneri Justice, parent