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## **October 2024: Celebrating Dwarfism Awareness Month and Billy Barty's 100th Birthday**

This October, Little People of America (LPA) proudly supports Dwarfism Awareness Month (DAM), also known as Dwarfism Pride Month (DPM), a time to celebrate the strength, achievements, and identity of the dwarfism community. 2024 marked a special milestone as we honor what would have been the 100th birthday of our founder, Billy Barty.

Born on October 25, 1924, Billy Barty was not only a prolific actor but also a dedicated advocate for individuals with dwarfism. His founding of LPA in 1957 created a vital network of support and advocacy, helping thousands of people with dwarfism and their families build a strong community. Barty's contributions extend far beyond entertainment; he worked tirelessly to raise awareness, break barriers, and promote equity for the dwarfism community.

This year, LPA highlights the immense pride that comes with being part of this vibrant community. While previous campaigns have focused on building awareness and fostering allyship, we are turning our attention inward, celebrating the richness of our dwarfism identity and the indelible impact our community has made. From individual successes to collective achievements, we reflect on the challenges and triumphs that define us.

Though there is still much work to do, this month serves as a reminder of the resilience that binds our community together. We remain committed to amplifying our voices and pushing for the protections and recognition that ensure equity for all people with dwarfism.

Join us in celebrating Dwarfism Pride Month by using the hashtag #dwarfpride, and let's honor Billy Barty's legacy as we continue to advocate, educate, and celebrate our pride.

**About Little People of America:** Founded by Billy Barty in 1957, Little People of America is the largest nonprofit organization in the U.S. providing support, resources, and advocacy for individuals with dwarfism and their families. LPA works tirelessly to promote awareness, equity, and community-building for little people across the globe.

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