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16 Brides-To-Be of Servicemen In Iraq Get Free Wedding Gowns, Makeovers, Invitations From Local Merchants

(Beachwood) Sixteen brides of military soldiers destined for or already stationed in Iraq will receive free gowns, invitations, make-up and transportation when they marry in the coming year.

For those whose fiancées have already returned from their tour of duty, the windfall is a wonderful gift. For the remaining brides, the safe return of their future husbands will be the day's most treasured gift.

Just one bride was to be the recipient of a complimentary bridal gown from **Brides by Donna in Chagrin Falls**. But after owner Donna Pickett received 16 letters from girls in response to a promotion on Channel 8 News, she couldn't choose just one. "So I chose them all," says Pickett.

On July 2 at 10 a.m. the brides will gather at Pickett's store to select their gowns. Next, they will meet with owners of the **Loving Touch Wedding and Rentals in Maple Heights** to pick out invitations.

Some brides don't have a date as yet because of the uncertain conditions in Iraq. Twelve other brides who have chosen dates have begun making arrangements. All will be pampered on their wedding day with a complimentary style, manicure, ½ hour body massage and makeup from **La Bella Mia Salon and Spa in Beachwood**. They'll ride in style with transportation provided by **DreamMakers Limousine Service in Chesterland**, who is providing their service at a discounted rate.

The following brides-to-be will receive their services:

Shanna Didow, Cleveland
Nicole Taylor, Lakewood
Daniella Mitchell, Cleveland
Brandy Saur, Cleveland
Dawn DeWolf, Highland Heights
Bethany Carpenter, West Salem
Rachel Rains, North Olmsted
Vicki Mack, Kent

Shannon Luebking, Eastlake
Jenna Roundbough, Cleveland
Eva Steadman, Lyndhurst
Jessica Marszal, Willoughby Hills
Yvonne Cornell, Streetsboro
Nicole Matala, Columbus
Carey Penney, Cleveland
Kathy Ohlinger-Dewey, Akron