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Colorado Springs Children Fly to the North Pole on SkyWest Airlines

For Immediate Release

Colorado Springs, December 10, 2008 – On Saturday, December 13, SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (SKYW), in conjunction with the Junior League of Colorado Springs and Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD), will bring holiday fantasies to life for over 50 local children. The children will travel aboard a Bombardier-manufactured Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ700) for a 30-minute Fantasy Flight from the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) Gate 11 to the “North Pole” (COS gate 15). Upon arrival, they will be greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves. Santa will be flown in on helicopter by Colorado Vertical Flight.

Check-in begins at 5:00 p.m. at the United Airlines ticket counter. The flight will depart between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. from Gate 11 and will arrive at the “North Pole” (Gate 15) at approximately 7:20 p.m. The children will enjoy festivities until 9:30 p.m. “North Pole” delights include music, dancing, dinner, face painting, balloon artistry and gifts. Media are encouraged to attend this evening of enchanting adventure; prior to departure, a drawing will be held for one media outlet in attendance to take the flight with the kids.

“The magic of the season comes alive when you’re a child, and we are excited to share Christmas joys with local children in need,” said Lori Hunt, SkyWest Airlines vice president – people. “We are pleased to partner with the community to offer this experience for the children of Colorado Springs.”

Most of the Fantasy Flight children are enrolled in CPCD early childhood education programs. For these children, this will truly be a holiday to remember.

SkyWest is the world’s largest independently-owned regional airline. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 10,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 157 cities in 38 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with more than 1,500 daily departures.

About CPCD

Through its core programs of Head Start, Early Head Start and the Colorado Preschool Program, Community Partnership for Child Development involves the entire family in the child’s development and empowers parents to be advocates for their children’s education. Children enrolled in CPCD programs live below the poverty level, have an identified special need, or have a home situation that puts them at risk for school failure. This year, more than 1,700 children are enrolled in CPCD classrooms throughout El Paso County. For more information, visit www.cpcdheadstart.org.

About Junior League of Colorado Springs

Junior League of Colorado Springs is a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Colorado Springs

advocates for youth enabling them to be effective and valued citizens of this community. Visit www.jlcoloradosprings.org for more information.

About Colorado Vertical Flight

Colorado Vertical Flight has been in business for three years and recently relocated to Colorado Springs from Grand Junction in August. The company specializes in helicopter flight training, scenic tours, and aerial photography. During the holiday season, Colorado Vertical Flight offers Christmas light tours from now until Christmas. Visit www.coloradovertical.com and/or call (719) 648-5580 for additional information.

This press release and more information on SkyWest Airlines can be found at www.skywest.com.

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