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## **SkyWest Airlines Brings Fantasy Flight to Colorado Springs Children**

**Colorado Springs, Dec. 8, 2009** – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) will bring holiday dreams to life for more than 50 local children and their families with a Fantasy Flight to the “North Pole” on Saturday, December 12. SkyWest has brought this tradition to Colorado Springs children for the Junior League of Colorado Springs (JLCS) and Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD) for three years.

These precious passengers will board SkyWest’s Bombardier-manufactured Canadair Regional Jet 700 (CRJ700) for a 30 minute Fantasy Flight from the Colorado Springs Airport to the “North Pole” (COS gate 15). Santa will be present with a gift for every child in attendance.

“North Pole” festivities include music, dancing, face painting, crafts, gifts from Santa and a hot meal for children and their families.

Children who will be aboard are enrolled in CPCD early childhood education programs. These children live below the poverty level, have an identified special need, or have a home situation that puts them at risk for school failure. For those children whose families struggle to meet their basic needs, this will truly be a holiday to remember.

Media are encouraged to attend this evening of adventure and delight. The children will begin check in at 5:00 p.m. at the United Airlines ticket counter. The Fantasy Flight will depart between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m.

SkyWest Airlines is the world’s largest independently-owned regional airline. Named most reliable CRJ200 operator in the America’s by Bombardier in 2007 and 2008, SkyWest was awarded the FAA’s AMT Gold Award for maintenance training in

2004, 2005 and 2007, and the AMT Diamond award in 2006. System-wide, SkyWest Airlines employs more than 10,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 150 cities in 39 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with more than 1,500 daily departures. More about SkyWest Airlines and this press release can be found at [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com).

**About Junior League of Colorado Springs (JLCS)** 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLCS advocates for youth enabling them to be effective and valued citizens of this community. To learn more about the JLCS, visit [www.jlcoloradosprings.org](http://www.jlcoloradosprings.org) or contact the Junior League office at (719) 632-3855.

Through its core programs of Head Start, Early Head Start and the Colorado Preschool Program, **Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD)** 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](http://www.cpcdheadstart.org).

**Media Note:**

High-resolution images of the aircraft as well as logos are available upon request.

Media are invited to attend the Dec. 12 event at the Colorado Springs Airport. Media who would like to be onboard the aircraft should contact Marissa Snow by Dec. 9. For assistance with camera crews, interviews or further on-site information, please contact Marissa Snow or Kelly Jackson.

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