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American Airlines, Disney and Make-A-Wish send Philadelphia-area families on Wish Flight to Walt Disney World Resort

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Milestone trip brings 14 children battling critical illnesses and their families to Walt Disney World Resort.

FORT WORTH, Texas – American Airlines, in collaboration with Make-A-Wish® and Disney, recently hosted 14 Philadelphia-area families for Wish Flight, a one-of-a-kind travel experience for children fighting critical illnesses to fulfill their wishes to visit Walt Disney World Resort®.

Originally launched as Best Flight Ever in 2023, Wish Flight transforms travel into part of the wish experience. This year's celebration began at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), where American team members and Make-A-Wish volunteers gathered to give wish families a memorable sendoff before departing for Orlando, Florida.

From themed decorations and special surprises to gifted Disney ear headbands and a charter aircraft staffed by volunteer pilots and flight attendants, every detail was designed to make the sendoff extra special. The children enjoyed a slime station, face-painting, balloon art and even a dance floor with a special appearance by SWOOP, the mascot of the Philadelphia Eagles.

"For 100 years, American has been committed to caring for people on life's journey, and Wish Flight is a powerful example of that purpose in action," said American's Director of Partnerships and Community Griffin Gonzalez. "Together with Make-A-Wish, Disney, our team members and generous AAdvantage® members, we're helping create unforgettable memories for children and families when they need them most."

Make-A-Wish children and their families receive a warm welcome from American Airlines team members and Make-A-Wish volunteers upon arrival at Orlando International Airport (MCO).

All of the children's wishes are to visit Walt Disney World Resort, and together with Make-A-Wish, Disney has granted more than 175,000 life-changing wishes like these since 1980. The families will also enjoy a welcome reception at Give Kids The World Village, a whimsical nonprofit resort, where they will stay for six days and five nights while experiencing the magic of Disney.

"When a child is living with a critical illness, time together as a family takes on even greater significance," said Make-A-Wish America's president and CEO Leslie Motter. "The dedication of American Airlines team members, volunteers and partners helps create experiences that allow wish children and their families to set aside treatment schedules for a moment and focus instead on joy, connection and possibility."

American Airlines team members celebrate with Make-A-Wish families at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) before their Wish Flight departs for Walt Disney World Resort.

AAdvantage® members looking to support Make-A-Wish can donate miles through American's Let Good Take Flight platform. Throughout September, all donated miles will benefit Make-A-Wish and its mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Donating is simple. AAdvantage® members can log in to their account, navigate to the **Donate page** and select the number of AAdvantage® miles they wish to contribute.* Members can select as few as 1,000 miles to help support those who need it most. Not an AAdvantage® member? Joining is easy and free at aa.com/aadvantage.

*Minimum donation is 1,000 miles, except for members who have an available balance of less than 1,000 miles, who may donate their entire balance. Donations are not tax deductible. Processing can take up to 48 hours. American Airlines reserves the right to determine the final use of miles within the guidelines of the Miles for Social Good, Miles for Global Health and Well-Being, Miles for Heroes and Miles for Our Planet programs.

About American Airlines Group (NASDAQ: AAL)

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The world's largest airline proudly celebrates its centennial year in 2026, reaching a milestone that reflects a

century of innovation and the Forever ForwardSM spirit that changed the industry and the world. American introduced the first scheduled air cargo service, the first airport lounge and the first airline loyalty program and continues to reinvent the customer experience today. The airline is also a founding member of the oneworld alliance, whose members serve more than 900 destinations around the globe.

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About Make-A-Wish®

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Founded in Phoenix, Arizona, Make-A-Wish is the #1 most trusted nonprofit operating locally in all 50 states throughout the U.S. Together with generous donors, supporters, staff and more than 20,000 volunteers across the country, Make-A-Wish delivers hope and joy to children and their families when they need it most. Make-A-Wish aims to bring the power of wishing to every child with a critical illness because wish experiences can help improve emotional and physical health. Since 1980, Make-A-Wish has granted more than 650,000 wishes worldwide; more than 400,000 wishes in the U.S. and its territories alone. For more information about Make-A-Wish America, visit wish.org.

About The Walt Disney Company

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For more than 100 years, Disney has been committed to bringing happiness to kids and families around the world. Since the first official wish was granted at Disneyland Resort more than 45 years ago, Disney has worked with Make-A-Wish to grant more than 175,000 life-changing wishes for kids facing critical illnesses. Disney is proud to be the world's largest wish granter for Make-A-Wish, granting a wish every hour of every day on average. Learn more at Disney.com/Wishes.