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MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® AND AMERICAN AIRLINES TEAM UP TO GIVE WINGS TO WISHES WITH THEIR ANNUAL WISH FLIGHT™

WHO & WHAT: Sean, a 10-year-old boy from Mahtomedi, MN, will fly to Orlando on American Airlines for a magical wish trip to *Walt Disney World®* Resort.

Sean and 30 other children with life-threatening illnesses across the country are taking part in American Airlines' 13th Annual WishFlight™.

WHERE: A send-off party takes place at Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, Lindberg Terminal. *(Please confirm attendance to receive a concourse pass)*

WHEN: Friday October 3, 2008 – 7:00 AM

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

- Send-off party at the gate with Make-A-Wish Foundation and American Airlines staff and volunteers.
- Sean and his family boarding the plane
- Interview Make-A-Wish Foundation or American Airlines staff and/or the wish family.

(September 29, 2008-Minneapolis, MN) -- Caring volunteers from the Something mAAgic Foundation® are joining the Make-A-Wish Foundation to bring joy to a local child by helping him take off on the wish of his dreams. American Airlines will fly children from around the world, including 10-year-old, Sean from Mahtomedi, MN on a WishFlight to Orlando, Fla., for their Make-A-Wish experience. Sean and his family will participate in several events, including a bon voyage party at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, a welcome party in Orlando and a special celebration on at Give Kids The World® Village in Kissimmee, Fla., where Sean will be staying while in Florida.

Something mAAgic Foundation volunteers, comprised mainly of American Airlines, American Eagle and American Airlines Federal Credit Union employees, has raised close to \$1,000,000 for wish kids around the world since 1996. "Our goal is to have these brave children and their families experience time away from their daily routine. Each year we look forward to creating magical memories for them," said Todd Fairbanks, president of the Something mAAgic Foundation.

About the Make-A-Wish Foundation®

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. It is the largest wish-granting charity in the world, with 67 chapters in the United States. Founded in 1982, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota has granted nearly 3,000 wishes to MN children. Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota has been reviewed by the Charities Review Council and is proud to have met its Accountability Standards. To read the charity report, visit the Charities Review Council at www.SmartGivers.org. For information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota, please call 612.767.9474 or visit www.wishmn.org.

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