



Sun Country Airlines Recognized for Donating Flights to Make-A-Wish® Minnesota North Star Award Highlights Partnership

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Make-A-Wish® Minnesota honored Sun Country Airlines with its inaugural North Star Award at its Wish Ball event April 27 at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake.

Since 2006, Sun Country Airlines has been a partner with Make-A-Wish Minnesota providing complimentary flights for wish children and their families traveling anywhere Sun Country flies. To date this accounts for more than \$2 million of donated flights.

“We couldn’t think of a better inaugural award recipient than Sun Country Airlines,” said Paul Krueger, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Minnesota. “Sun Country’s generosity has allowed thousands of travel wishes to take place. The company and its employees are true champions of our mission to grant wishes to children with critical illnesses.”

The North Star Award is designed to recognize an individual or business who exemplifies the mission of Make-A-Wish in both their deeds and actions. The award recipient is an in-kind partner, donor or volunteer who has significantly given their time, talent or resources to help us fulfill our important mission and has contributed toward our vision of reaching every eligible child in Minnesota.

“On behalf of the whole team at Sun Country, we thank Make-A-Wish Minnesota for this recognition,” said Jude Bricker, CEO of Sun Country Airlines. “This award belongs to our pilots who fly these flights, flight attendants who pay special attention to our wish kids onboard, the gate agents and airport staff who provide assistance before boarding, and all our employee who volunteer for our events benefiting Make-A-Wish Minnesota.”

In addition, Sun Country Airlines’ employees host an annual Flight to the North Pole which gives wish kids and their families a magical holiday experience. Sun Country staff and vendors also have raised more than \$175,000 to help grant even more wishes with Airplane Pull events.

“Sun Country staff on the ground and in the air are so welcoming and friendly to each wish kid and their families when they are flying to their wish destinations, some flying for the first time” said Krueger.

“We are honored to partner with Make-A-Wish Minnesota and support the life-changing wishes of kids from around the state,” said Rose Neale, Sun Country General Counsel and Senior Vice President, who serves on the Make-A-Wish Minnesota Board of Directors. “Sun Country looks forward to granting many more trips in the future.”



Make-A-Wish Minnesota plans to grant nearly 260 wishes this fiscal year and almost 70 percent involve travel.

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ABOUT MAKE-A-WISH MINNESOTA

Our mission: Together we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Since 1982 Make-A-Wish Minnesota had granted more than 6,500 wishes to children across Minnesota. The average cost of a wish is \$12,000. To qualify for a wish a child must be between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 and facing a critical illness. For more information please contact Paul R. Krueger, president and CEO at 612.767.2753 or pkruieger@mn.wish.org.

ABOUT SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES

Sun Country Airlines is a new breed of hybrid low-cost air carrier, whose mission is to connect guests to their favorite people and places, to create lifelong memories and transformative experiences. Sun Country dynamically deploys shared resources across our synergistic scheduled service, charter, and cargo businesses. Based in Minnesota, we focus on serving leisure and visiting friends and relatives ("VFR") passengers and charter customers and providing cargo service to Amazon, with flights throughout the United States and to destinations in Mexico, Central America, Canada, and the Caribbean. For photos, b-roll and additional company information, visit <https://www.stories.suncountry.com/multimedia>.

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