

#### Tsi Nahò:ten Karihwanákere Nó:nen'k

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Dreams Take Flight to Disneyworld early Wednesday morning

#### For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 1, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2016) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce that twelve (12) First Nations children – including four from Kahnawà:ke – will be visiting Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida courtesy of Air Canada's 'Dreams Take Flight' program.

A total of 176 children will board the special 6am flight early tomorrow at Trudeau International Airport for the trip of a lifetime. Several MCK staff will once again participate in the send-off at the airport's Air Canada Technical Center. Additionally, the Peacekeepers and Fire Brigade have consistently participated through the years.

"This year kids from Akwesasne and Wendake are taking part, as well as four from our community," said Ken Bourque, the MCK's Senior Business Analyst, who has been essential in bringing Kahnawà:ke on board Dreams Take Flight in 2004. "I'm hoping that we'll see even more Indigenous children from across the country having the opportunity to spend an exciting day at Disney in the future."

Dreams Take Flight is a volunteer-based charitable organization dedicated to providing a magical experience to disadvantaged children. There is no cost to the children or their families. The Montreal chapter, which is one of eight across the country, has been operating for over twenty years.

The Kahnawà:ke children are selected by Shakotiia'takéhnhas Community Services based on requirements and standards set by the Dreams Take Flight organization.

The group is scheduled to return at approximately 1am on Thursday morning.