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Dreams Take Flight pre-flight party set for Saturday morning

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(Kahnawake – 26, Kenténha/October 2018) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce that several local kids and their families will be enjoying a pre-flight party tomorrow morning (Saturday) in preparation for the Dreams Take Flight trip to Disneyworld.

The party, which is being held at the Air Canada hanger at Pierre Elliot Trudeau Airport in Dorval, will be an opportunity for the children to meet with their groups and visit the various groups and organizations who provide activities during the event. Among those participating are the Kahnawake Peacekeepers, The Kahnawake Fire Brigade, and the Akwesasne Police.

“In the past couple of years, we’ve held the send-off event ahead of the actual trip to Disney,” said MCK Business Controller Ken Bourque, a former employee of Air Canada who has been coordinating Kahnawà:ke’s involvement since 2005. “The kids will leave in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday, November 7th. In the past, everyone gathered for the big send-off an hour before the flight, but this probably works better for everyone.”

Mr. Bourque, along with MCK’s Melissa Curotte, has worked with Kahnawake Shakotiiatákéhnhas Community Services to select the children who will attend. Lindsay Jacobs of Kahnawà:ke has also volunteered for the past four years.

This year, four children from Kahnawà:ke will attend, along with three from Akwesasne.

“Hats of the Air Canada, the organizers and all the volunteers who have made Dreams Take Flight such a huge success over the years,” said Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice will attend the party on behalf of the MCK. “I’d like to especially thank Ken Bourque, who has worked tirelessly in bringing this initiative to Kahnawà:ke and providing an opportunity for kids who wouldn’t normally have the opportunity to take this trip of a lifetime.”

Dreams Take Flight was created in 1989 by employees of Air Canada. It is completely volunteer-run and has provided over 20,000 children with one-day trips to either Disney World in Florida or Disneyland in California.