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For Immediate Release:

Thunder in the Valley Air Show to Donate \$23,500 to Seven Youth Organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley

Thunder in the Valley Air Show had the Largest One-day Crowd in 13 Years

Columbus, **Ga.**, **August 20**, **2010** – The 2010 Thunder in the Valley Air Show held this past March set a single-day record attendance with nearly 18,000 spectators on Saturday, March 20. Due to the show's success, Thunder in the Valley Air Show will donate \$23,500 to the following charity and youth organizations throughout the Chattahoochee Valley: Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home, Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America, Children's Miracle Network, Columbus Community Foundation's Honor Flight, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Ronald McDonald House and Russell County's Child Advocacy Center.

Scheduled check presentations:

Russell County's Child Advocacy Center	August 24, 2010	Stars Program Facility
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12:00 noon

Children's Miracle Network August 25, 2010 Columbus Medical Center

10: 00 a.m.

Ronald McDonald House September 1, 2010 Ronald McDonald House

11:00 a.m.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation September 1, 2010 Ronald McDonald House

12:00 noon

Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home September 2, 2010 Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home

10:00 a.m.

Columbus Literacy Alliance October 19, 2010 Columbus Medical Center

Breakfast Board Meeting

Thunder in the Valley Air Show management is thankful for all the sponsors, volunteers and spectators for making the 2010 air show so successful.

Thunder in the Valley Air Show also provides fund-raising opportunities for youth groups through the operation of air show concessions, carnival activities and other needed duties. This year, Thunder in the Valley Air Show provided tickets to youth groups and Ft. Benning's training brigades to afford underprivileged youth and trainees the opportunity to go to the air show. More than \$18,000 in contributions and tickets were donated to 19 youth groups and 2,500 trainees.

The 14th Annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the Columbus Airport. Line-up of air show performers and aircraft static displays will be announced in January 2011.

About the Thunder in the Valley Air Show:

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show began in 1997 as a local fly-in for aviation enthusiasts and has grown to become one of the largest outdoor family events in the Chattahoochee Valley. The air show brings in top performers from across the United States. National attention has been given to the Thunder in the Valley Air Show by the International Council of Air Shows for excellence in marketing. The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a fun, family event and proceeds are given to youth organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley. For more information, visit www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com.

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