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Toronto-Houston-service is proving popular demonstrating the benefits of Air Canada's alliance with Continental.

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Irregular operations puts together a plan to minimize inconvenience to customers caused by winter storms. Accurate and timely information is crucial, planners say.

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Western spirits soar with dream flight

by Owen Egan

The dreams finally took flight at 7:15 a.m. on October 16, as an Air Canada Boeing 767 raced down the runway and into

sky. On board, a hundred wide-eyed kids gripped armrests tightly or craned their necks to peer out the plane's windows.

For the kids, it was the start of adventure most children can only imagine. For scores of Air Canada employees in Vancouver, geles, the mo-

ment was the culmination of countless hours volunteered for the first-ever Dreams Take Flight project.

Dreams Take Flight is Western Canada's version of the successful Dream Come True flights that began in Toronto in 1989. The trips fly ill, abused or underprivileged kids off to an exotic location - in this case, Disneyland - for a day of pure, escapist fun.

Over the last six months, an army of volunteers, marshalled by Vancouver Reservations Agent Frank Harney, raised money and support for the project. They washed cars, sold cookbooks, negotiated with customs officials and did everything in between to make Dreams Take Flight happen.

It all began in April with a letter from Harney to Air Canada President, Chairman and CEO Hollis Harris. Harney asked whether the company could provide an aircraft for the project.

bergasted at how quickly it's

When Harris promptly wrote back offering a B-767, the wheels were set in motion. Since then, "We've been flab-

Dream Date Auction held October 1 at the Delta Hotel ballroom. Together, the two soirées raised more than \$12,750 for the flight. At Air Canada's ticket counters, agents wore

Dreams Take Flight T-shirts on Fridays to raise the project's public pro-Private com-

panies also got into the spirit and contributed their time and money. The Flying Wedge Pizza Company Vancouver gave Dreams Take Flight 100 per cent of one day's

receipts to the tune of \$9,000. The pizza suppliers also pledged to do all it again next year.

Harney reports that over the course of the project, some special bonds were formed. "One six-year-old fell in love with (volunteer) Lorie Hayes. He kept on asking her for hugs and everything. It was just great," he says.

Back home, the Dreams Take Flight volunteers are just starting to get back to a normal routine. "It's going to take a few days for all of us to recover, that's for sure," Harney says.

As far as anyone can tell, Air Canada's Dreams Take Flight and Dream Come True flights are unique in the airline industry.

"We haven't heard of any copy-catting," says Harney. "But we sure wouldn't be upset if someone did it. This is all about helping kids. And if you help more kids, we really don't care how it's done."



Calgary, Edmon- One of the Dreams Take Flight kids gets a warm sendoff from a big fuzzy ton and Los An-dinosaur just minutes before boarding a Disneyland-bound B-767.

taken off out here," Harney says. "The airport jumped in, cargo jumped in, AirBC, in-flight... Everyone just got on the bandwagon." The dedication of Air Canada

employees to their cause didn't go unnoticed by the local press. The project earned Air Canada some hard-to-come-by positive coverage in the Western Canadian media, including TV, radio and at least four newspapers. A television crew from Vancouver even tagged along on the flight to document the event from start to

"We got a lot of good press," Harney says. "The name of the charity is starting to get around out here. Now people say 'Oh, I've heard of you guys! Great

Out at Vancouver International airport, Customer Sales and Service Agent Evelyn Economos and her team organized two fund-

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