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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

“910th unveils C-130 aircraft recognizing wing's Humanitarian missions”

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**YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, Ohio** – The 910th Airlift Wing will unveil nose art on a C-130H Hercules cargo transport aircraft, “Global Humanitarian Support” recognizing the myriad of humanitarian missions flown over the last several years by the aircraft and crews of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

The unveiling ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 on the flight line outside of Hangar 295 here. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 295.

910th Airlift Wing commander Col. Karl McGregor, Ms. Kathy Price, founder and director of “Mission of Love,” and several Citizen Airmen assigned to YARS representing the numerous humanitarian missions flown by the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing are expected to attend the ceremony. Dr. Paul Wright and S.P. Wright, organizers of a December 2008 Denton program humanitarian mission to the Dominican Republic are also expected to attend the event.

Humanitarian efforts flown by the 910<sup>th</sup> include missions to Belsan, Russia; Darfur, Sudan; the Dominican Republic; Central America; Guyana and most recently Haiti. The wing has also flown several aerial spray relief missions in the aftermaths of recent hurricanes such as Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike.

“Mission of Love” is a Youngstown-area based non-profit organization that has used the U.S. Government’s Denton Program more than any other non-governmental organization in the country. During the last eleven years, Mission of Love has donated and transported humanitarian aid from YARS to Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, Peru, and Afghanistan. The aid has included donated medical supplies and equipment, school supplies, food, clothing, educational materials, fire trucks as well as two ambulances to needy people in these developing countries. Overall, Mission of Love has utilized the program to airlift more than 380,000 pounds of donated humanitarian aid aboard U.S. Air Force aircraft.

“We truly are leading by example of what can be done when one wants to be of service and work together for the same common cause, humanity,” said Ms. Price.

The “nose art” decal to be unveiled on Aircraft Tail #102 reads “GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT.” The text is placed over a full color graphic of a globe. Also featured in the design is a listing of the humanitarian missions flown by the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

The “nose art” was created by Tech. Sgt. Scott Obermiyer, a fabrications specialist with the 910<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron here. The “nose art” concept was designed by Staff Sgt. Michele Kennedy, an aerospace maintenance specialist assigned to the 910<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Master Sgt. Gary Bradshaw is the crew chief of Aircraft Tail #102.

The Denton program permits the Department of Defense to provide transportation of privately donated humanitarian cargo to foreign countries using military transportation on a space available basis. The program is authorized under the Jeremiah Denton amendment to the 10th United States Code (section 402). There is no cost to the donating agency or organization for U.S. government transportation related costs.

The history of painting “nose art” on aircraft is a morale-boosting tradition that dates back to the early days of aviation. This is the third of 12 C-130 aircraft currently assigned to YARS to feature “nose art,” plans are currently underway for continuing this new YARS tradition by enhancing additional aircraft with artwork.

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#### NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY:

News media representatives planning coverage of this event should RSVP to the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 330-609-1718, 330-609-1364 or 330-609-1236 NLT 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 7.

Media must be at Youngstown Air Reserve Station by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7.