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MEDIA ALERT FOR WEEK OF MAY 22

Pediatric neurosurgeon undertakes record-setting flight to benefit kids

MILWAUKEE (5/18/06) – In a single day during the week of May 22, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin pediatric neurosurgeon Bruce Kaufman of Milwaukee – accompanied by Master Certified Flight Instructor and Midwest Airlines pilot Matthew McDaniel of Cudahy, Wis., – will attempt a **record-setting flight that will have them landing in every paved, public use airport in Wisconsin, plus one private and one military airport. That's a total of 104 airports and more than 2,000 miles flown over a period of approximately 18 hours.** The aircraft is a single-engine Cirrus SR-22 christened Blue Kids One in honor the hospital's "blue kids" logo.

The flight is a fundraiser for the hospital's pediatric neurosurgery program. Kaufman is medical director of the program. McDaniel knows only too well the effects neurologic disease, having recently lost his brother-in-law to a brain tumor.

The flight date depends on weather. In order of preference, the flight will take place Thursday, May 25; Wednesday, May 24; or Friday, May 26. The flight date will be confirmed several days in advance. Take-off time from Milwaukee's Timmerman Field will be approximately 4:30 a.m. with a final landing at Timmerman approximately 18 hours later. Fuel stops are planned for Lone Rock, Stevens Point and Ashland, Wis. To assist media representatives in planning their coverage, estimated times for touch-and-go landings at each airport will be available on request prior to the flight.

Photo and interview opportunities

Afternoon prior to flight: Interview availability with Kaufman and McDaniel, and photo opportunity at Timmerman Field as the pilots prepare Blue Kids One for flight.

Approximately 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. day of flight: Initial take-off and final landing photo opportunities at Timmerman.

If you plan to cover this story, please contact Stacey Mueller or Sara Silver-Traband, Children's Hospital Public Relations Department, (414) 266-5420, so we can keep you abreast of flight details as they become available.