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### **Charity Auction raises nearly \$50,000 for Red Tail Project, Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County**

*Fisher Island, FL. 11/13/06* – A six-month lease for a Cirrus SR-22 and a ride in a WWII-era P-51 Mustang helped raise a net \$49,000 for the Red Tail Project and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County at the Fisher Island Yacht Rendezvous charity auction Saturday.

The organizations will split the net proceeds from the two auction items, helping both continue toward their fund raising goals.

Cirrus Design Corp. donated the six-month lease of the world's best-selling airplane and the Commemorative Air Force's Dixie Wing will provide a ride in their P-51D Mustang as part of the *Tuskegee Airmen Experience* -- which also features dinner with two Tuskegee Airmen -- in Atlanta.

"The Relationship between the Red Tail Project, Cirrus Design Corp., Spirit Airlines, Bank of America's Private Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs is refreshingly unique," said Fred Perry, a Bank of America Senior Vice President and former Chairman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

"Our children will be uplifted by the path that has been blazed by the Tuskegee Airmen, afforded the opportunity to actually fly by Cirrus Design, exposed to careers in aviation by Spirit Air and shown a pathway to ownership thru entrepreneurship by Bank of America."

The proceeds from the Cirrus lease and *Tuskegee Airmen Experience* help move the Red Tail Project closer bringing the story of the Tuskegee Airmen to every classroom in America through an aviation education program and the restoration of a rare P-51C Mustang as a symbol of the contribution of African Americans who served our country during WWII. The project is part of the Minnesota Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has now raised approximately \$325,000 toward its goal of \$2 million.

"The generosity of the Fisher Island bidders was wonderful and will help us bring the inspirational story of the Tuskegee Airmen to a new generation," said project leader Doug Rozendaal. "But there is still more work to be done before we can get America's flying tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen back in the air where it can do the most good and both the Red Tail Project and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward Country continue to need your financial support."

The Cirrus package also includes the incomparable Cirrus Access program which includes a certified flight instructor who will function as an on-call personal pilot, trainer (for the winner and/or their immediate family) and airplane manager during the same six-month period. Insurance coverage, hangar and maintenance will also be included. The winner, who bid \$95,000 for the entire package, will only be responsible for fuel costs.

The Tuskegee Experience also included a beautiful framed and numbered limited-edition print of the RedTail Project's P51-C Mustang autographed by over sixty Tuskegee Airmen; dinner with Tuskegee Airmen Judge Richard Rutledge and Lt. Col Eldridge Williams; the book "A Train" by Lt. Col. Charles W. Dryden; and tickets for two provided by Spirit Airlines to Atlanta where the CAF's Mustang is based.

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