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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
**“910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing to conduct 45<sup>th</sup>  
Mission of Love on Friday”**

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**YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, OHIO** – On this Valentine’s Day, Air Force Reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing have been busy preparing six pallets of humanitarian cargo that will be flown from here Friday, February 15, 2008, on a C-130 to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., before remaining overnight and then proceeding to Coronel Enrique Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras.

The cargo is to furnish and supply the basic needs of life to a hospital in Honduras. The patient ratio in this area is one doctor to more than 5,000 La Mosquitian Indians. The area suffers from poor communication capability because there are few telephone and power lines that exist in the area. Transportation is also difficult since the few roads that do exist must go through or around the area's swamps, lagoons, and dense jungles. Most of the region lacks fresh water and suitable sanitary conditions.

During the 1980's, this rural province on the Nicaraguan border received a large number of refugees fleeing the Contra War. These immigrants joined native La Mosquitians (mostly Indians) in a world of poverty and ignorance. Illiteracy is high because of inadequate education. The region lacks enough school buildings, equipment and teaching tools. With this airlift provided by the Mission of Love Foundation, Austintown, Ohio it will be sending hospital beds with mattresses, nightstands, over the bed tray tables, shelving, examination tables, medical supplies and equipment, materials and sewing supplies. In March, the very first ambulance in this Honduran Province will be airlifted by the Denton Program and donated by the Mission of Love to the hospital. This will be an on-going Mission of Love to be able to give the La Mosquitian Indians basic human rights of medical care.

The recipient of these donations will be the Norma I. Love Foundation who has requested help for the Mesquite Indians who have been forgotten by most. In 1999 when hurricane Mitch hit Honduras the Mission of Love responded with over 35,000 pounds of Aid to the region. Their children were saved with the Aid that was delivered from America.

The Mission of Love Foundation is a non - profit organization that provides humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide, especially children. Backed by individuals, local businesses and the United States Military Denton Program, the Mission of Love airlifts clothing, food and medical and construction materials to our world in need. Once the supplies arrive, groups of people, both young and old, from all walks of life, are there to utilize the supplies by building medical clinics, orphanages, administering medical treatment to the ill and serving those who need help.

According to Kathleen Price, Founder and Director of the Mission of Love, this will be the 45<sup>th</sup> Mission of Love that the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing has participated in.

“It doesn’t get much better than to be able to be of service to those in need,” said Kathleen Price, founder and director of “The Mission of Love.”

The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods, such as clothing, food, medical and educational supplies, and agricultural equipment and vehicles, to countries in need. The program is jointly administered by a government agency known as USAID, the Department of State (DOS), and the Department of Defense (DOD). In FY 2006, 576,000 pounds of humanitarian goods were sent to 12 different countries through this program.

For more information about the “Mission of Love Foundation,” please visit [www.missionoflove.org](http://www.missionoflove.org) or about the Denton Program, please visit [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).

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**NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY:** Coverage of this Mission of Love opportunity will be available from around 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> as the cargo is loaded onto the aircraft. Col. Daryl Hartman, commander of the 910th Operations Group, and Kathleen Price from the Mission of Love Foundation are scheduled to be available for interviews. Please contact the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 330-609-1236 to arrange coverage.