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Hope Air honours Samantha McNichols as Volunteer of the Month

Toronto June 5, 2008 – Hope Air, the only national charity that arranges Flights for Canadians in financial need to required medical care, is pleased to announce its current Volunteer of the Month: Client Service Volunteer Samantha McNichols.

A volunteer with the organization since June 2007, Samantha has repeatedly demonstrated her desire to help through her caring and calming manner when assisting Clients needing Hope Air's assistance. Her ability to guide a distressed Client through the Flight Request process and reassure them that their needs will be meet to the best of Hope Air's ability often results in Clients asking for her by name when calling into the office.

In addition to helping with Client Flight Requests, Samantha has also assisted Hope Air staff by taking a lead role in the organization's Air Travellers Security Charge Rebate Program. Working closely with the Executive Director and the Flights Manager, Samantha has played a key role in organizing and maintaining this program for Hope Air.

Flights Manager Sandrine Levrier cannot say enough about Samantha's invaluable contributions to Hope Air. "Her enthusiasm to ensuring that every Client who calls Hope Air for assistance is treated with respect and caring is wonderful. Hope Air is very fortunate to have Samantha as a key volunteer and we are very proud to honour her as Hope Air's Volunteer of the Month."

About Hope Air

Hope Air provides a beacon of Hope for Canadians in financial need who must travel for non-emergency medical care outside their home communities. Now in its 22nd year of service, Hope Air is dedicated to making needed health care accessible to all Canadians. Since its inception in 1986, Hope Air has arranged more than 53,000 Flights for fellow Canadians. A significant proportion of the Flights provided by Hope Air are for children and their escorts with transportation donated by our commercial airline partners, as well as our national team of exceptional Volunteer Pilots.

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