

# Media Advisory

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## **Supplies for Oklahoma Tornado Relief carried tonight on *Heartland* Flyer from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City**

What: Media Availability

Where: Oklahoma City Amtrak Station

When: Tomorrow (Saturday) morning from 7:30 to 8:25 a.m. in Oklahoma City

Background:

Amtrak was approached by America Recovers, a relief group helping in the aftermath of the fatal tornado in Moore, Okla., with a need to transport supplies to those devastated by the killer storm. Amtrak and the non-profit group also worked with others – including faith-based groups – to assist in New Jersey and New York in recovery efforts after Super Storm Sandy.

The daily *Heartland Flyer* train is operated by Amtrak under contracts with the Oklahoma and Texas Departments of Transportation. Amtrak, with ODOT and TxDOT, waived any charges and a railcar baggage area was loaded on the *Heartland Flyer* in Fort Worth with 60 totes/boxes of supplies from Aetna Insurance employees. This rail car will accompany the *Heartland Flyer* tonight when it departs Ft. Worth at 5:35 p.m.

Tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in Oklahoma City, Church of Christ volunteers will unload the railcar prior to the *Flyer's* 8:25 a.m. daily departure to return to Fort Worth.

Aetna Insurance Company employee volunteers in Connecticut contacted their colleagues in Texas who loaded the Amtrak railcar yesterday (Thursday).

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