



HILLER AVIATION MUSEUM

Where Inspiration Takes Flight

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Media contact: Willie Turner
(650) 654-0200 x 204
willie@hiller.org

Hiller Aviation Museum Slates “Not Even the Sky’s the Limit” Benefit Gala *Olympian, Sportscaster, Pilot, JetBlue Tech Ventures CEO to Speak*

SAN CARLOS – “Not Even the Sky is the Limit” gala at Hiller Aviation Museum will feature a keynote speaker whose life parallels the theme. The three-time Olympian, TV sports commentator, pilot and Silicon Valley venture capitalist Bonny Simi will give the keynote address at the October 21 fundraiser.

“We are so lucky to have a woman who has an incredible career in and outside of aviation,” said Jeffery Bass, President and CEO of Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. “Bonny was featured in one of the first exhibits here when the museum opened in 1998. Plus, she’s flown the 737 on display in the gallery.”

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, open gallery and museum exploration. The Drone Plex, Invention Lab and Flight Sim Zone will be open for business, plus numerous exhibits and demonstrations. There will also be a “Grab and Go” area where gift cards can be purchased at face value. At 7 p.m., dinner will begin followed by speakers and then the live auction portion of the party. Afterward, party-goers are invited back in the gallery to continue to enjoy the exhibits.

About 200 guests are expected. Tickets are \$300 a piece or \$3,500 for a table of 10.

This auction party is the most significant fundraiser of the year for the 19-year-old museum. All the money raised at this event will go to STEM education programs, exhibits and hands-on demonstrations at the museum.

The museum has more than 100,000 visitors each year including more than 12,000 students from diverse regional schools. Core programs for youth are based on state and national academic standards and support K-12 school curricula in history, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), including interactive, hands-on programs developed in partnership with NASA.

The museum makes it possible for any school to visit by providing fee waivers for low income institutions and transportation reimbursement.

The Hiller Aviation Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate. It opened in 1998 by helicopter designer and inventor Stanley Hiller Jr. and features more than 50 aircraft from over a century of aviation history. Since opening to the public, the museum has had more than 1.5 million visitors. The Hiller Aviation Museum is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit Public Benefit organization.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (650) 654-0200 x204 or go to <http://www.hiller.org/gala>.

###

In association with the Smithsonian Institution

601 Skyway Road, San Carlos, California 94070 Tel. 650-654-0200 Fax. 650-654-0220 Web: www.hiller.org