Ten Deserving Families Received a Christmas Delivered by Santa with Jingle Jet 2020

With help from Elite Airways, The Zazza Community Foundation delivered Christmas Magic and Joy to families in need despite a global pandemic

Melbourne, FL, January 12, 2020 -- Tony Zazza, Host of the regionally syndicated morning show “Zazza Mornings” based out of 107.1 WA1A in Melbourne, FL, and also heard on 97.5 WABD (Mobile, AL) and Z96 (Ft. Walton Beach/Destin, FL) and Founder and President of the Board of Directors for The Zazza Community Foundation (a 501(c)(3) non-profit), once again teamed up with Elite Airways to deliver a Christmas surprise to deserving families. Jingle Jet™ aims to help local families who have been met with undue hardships throughout the year.

Zazza created and produced the project in Dallas, TX, for a number of years and has been doing it from Florida since 2015. “Being able to bring our incredible listeners and partners together to give these families a day to escape the heartache and stress is just incredible,” Zazza said.

In previous “normal” years, Jingle Jet families are picked up in limousines at their residence, driven to the Jingle Jet Terminal where they are greeted with a red-carpet arrival, given Christmas accessories like Santa hats, light up necklaces and stuffed animals. They are served a delicious breakfast and write letters to Santa all before boarding the Elite Airways CRJ-700 and taken on a magical flight (a real 30 minute flight) to “The North Pole”, a hangar that has been converted to a Winter Wonderland, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painters, and snowmen. Each family is also presented with their own Christmas tree, gifts from their needs and wants list and holiday trimmings. The families chosen for this magical journey are nominated by family members and friends who send submissions through the Zazza Community Foundation Website (www.ZazzaCommunity.org).

This year, Jingle Jet and Zazza were up against a global pandemic. “In a year when everything was being cancelled, our community needed us more than ever and there was no way Jingle Jet wasn’t going to happen,” Zazza said.

He made a call to the President of Elite Airways and asked if he could send a jet to the North Pole and bring Santa to him. Zazza tells the story of Jingle Jet 2020 in this year's video (see link below), that shows Santa’s arrival with his elves as they head out in his motorcade of limos to deliver the full Christmas set up to this year's selected families over the course of a week (12/7-12/11).

“We’ve all had a rough year, but take the pandemic and then add the hardships these families have faced, and they needed hope more than ever. Being able to see their faces light up as they walked out of their homes to see the magic that awaited them in their yards and driveways was proof that hope took flight once again,” he added.

This year's families included stories of firsts without loved ones, job loss, and some fighting the fight of their lives.
Tony Zazza has been a radio personality for over 20 years and had a dream to bring his vision to fruition. Zazza continues his mission to hold this event and make it a holiday these families will never forget.

Since Jingle Jet’s maiden flight in December of 2007 and through other Zazza Community Foundation projects, hundreds in need have benefitted from the Foundation's efforts through community support. “It's the greatest day of the year - well, week this year, for me to see these children walk out and watch their eyes light up,” says Zazza. He added, “There is never a dry eye.”

You can learn more about Jingle Jet™ and The Zazza Community Foundation at ZazzaCommunity.org or JingleJet.com


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