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## Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train Takes to the Rails on Saturday, July 18

## More than 500 guests will be passengers on the 24th annual ride

Denver, CO, July 14, 2015 - The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, presented by MDC Richmond American Homes Foundation, travels round trip from Denver to Cheyenne on Saturday, July 18. The 500+ passengers, selected through a ticket lottery in mid May, will be treated to a historic day of western entertainment which includes attending the "Daddy Of 'Em All" rodeo at Cheyenne Frontier Days.

For more than sixty years, this annual trip was a highlight for Denver and Colorado politicians and businessmen. They were entertained and thrilled by the trip, the rodeo, and the hospitality they received during the ride and in Cheyenne. In 1992, The Denver Post revived this event to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Denver Post. It was such a popular event, the trip has become a western institution once again and has since become a signature event of the Denver Post Community Foundation.

This year the train will be powered by the traditional Union Pacific yellow, streamliner locomotive 951, one of the last of Union Pacific's high-speed diesel-electrics built for service on the famous streamliner and domeliner passenger trains. The 2000 horsepower locomotive was built for the Union Pacific Railroad by the Electro-Motive Division (EMD) of General Motors and delivered in June 1955. This E-9 was retired in 1980 but returned to duty in 1984. This is an encore appearance for No. 951, as the head of The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, once again reuniting with the passenger cars of its era.

"There is nothing quite like this annual train ride," said Mac Tully, CEO and Publisher of The Denver Post. "This experience brings out the kid in all of us and we are so proud to put a little history in the hearts of our passengers. It's a full day of VIP experiences starting with the early morning welcome from our dedicated volunteers, to the red carpet greeting from the "Howdy Folks" in Cheyenne, to ending with the entertaining trip home."

"This is an event that continues to amaze! Our Cheyenne Frontier Days friends and Union Pacific train personnel have become like family," said Tracy Ulmer, Executive Director of Denver Post Community Foundation. "We are just as excited as the passengers and it is even more exciting that this event raises money for our Denver Post Community Foundation, giving back to the community we love."

The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train is proudly supported by MDC Richmond American Homes Foundation and Anadarko. For more information about the event, please visit <u>CFDtrain.com</u>.

## About Denver Post Community Foundation

The Denver Post Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves to improve and enrich the lives of those in our community by raising and distributing funds to metro-area and Colorado nonprofit agencies serving the areas of arts, youth, education and human services. For more information, visit <u>denverpostcommunity.com</u>.

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