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Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train Celebrates 25th Annual Ride on Saturday, July 23

More than 600 guests will ride behind the Living Legend, No. 844

Denver, CO, July 21, 2016 - The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, presented by MDC Richmond American Homes Foundation, travels round trip from Denver to Cheyenne on Saturday, July 23. The 600+ 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.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of consecutive trips for The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train. Dating back to the 1900s, this annual trip was a highlight for Denver and Colorado politicians and businessmen due to the hospitality and VIP treatment they received. In 1992, The Denver Post brought back this western institution to celebrate the paper's 100 year celebration, and it has been running ever since.

After a nearly three-year restoration, Union Pacific Railroad is putting the Living Legend, Steam Locomotive No. 844 back on the rails. Delivered in 1944, No. 844 is the last steam engine built for Union Pacific. The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train is the first trip back and the guests and train enthusiasts could not be more pleased.

The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train is a signature event of The Denver Post Community Foundation. New this year, a \$2,500 grant will be awarded to the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum to support their mission of educating the community about the history and culture of Cheyenne Frontier Days from the event's earliest inspiration to its present celebration.

"There is nothing quite like this annual train ride," said Mac Tully, CEO and Publisher of The Denver Post. "We are proud to put a little history in the hearts of our passengers and give back to the community. 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, and ending with the entertaining trip home."

"We look forward to this event every year! After 25 years, our Cheyenne Frontier Days and Union Pacific Railroad friends have become like family," said Tracy Ulmer, Executive Director of Denver Post Community Foundation. "This year we are pleased to present a grant to the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. It's exciting to highlight great work being done in the Cheyenne community."

For more information about the event, please visit CFDtrain.com.

About Denver Post Community Foundation

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