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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

***Carlsbad Hotel Spreads Holiday Cheer
to Children of Active Duty and Fallen U. S. Soldiers***

CARLSBAD, CA -- December 11, 2006 – West Inn & Suites, a Snowball Express and Toys for Tots partner, brings the magic of Christmas to local children this holiday season. Snowball Express provides a holiday experience for every child who has lost a parent while serving in our military forces during the Afghanistan and Iraq conflict since 9/11. West Inn & Suites is hosting two Snowball Express families who wished to visit Sea World and Legoland during the holidays. Toys for Tots drop offs are located at West Inn & Suites and West Steak, Seafood and Spirits lobbies.

Additionally, this Thursday, December 14th, the luxuriously transformed lobby of West Inn & Suites will host a special appearance by Santa Claus. From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Santa will share holiday cookies, hot apple cider and festive cheer with families who stop by for a visit. As a reminder of Carlsbad's landmark strawberry fields, Santa is leaving a personal letter with a strawberry flavored rock candy sucker for each young girl or boy who stays at West Inn & Suites through the Christmas holiday. Santa's Reindeer Reward challenge for correctly naming each reindeer is a bonus candy cane from the front desk staff.

West Inn & Suites is conveniently located at 4970 Avenida Encinas off Hwy. 5 and Cannon Road. For more information call (760) 448-4500.

About West Inn & Suites West Inn & Suites is a boutique style hotel that offers the ultimate in luxurious surroundings and recreational activities. The brand-new property features upgraded amenities and 4-star level of service from their highly trained staff.

West Inn & Suites is 30 miles north of San Diego and 60 miles south of Disneyland in Orange County. Situated near the beach with a Carlsbad beach resort-like atmosphere and only minutes from Legoland

and area business parks, and shopping West Inn & Suites is an ideal location for both the business and recreational traveler. The West Inn & Suites in Carlsbad features 86 rooms including 36 suites, two fine dining restaurants, a fitness center, outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi, business center, a boardroom and library.

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About Snowball Express A project of Orange County Rotary Clubs, Snowball Express is providing a holiday experience to families of fallen U.S. soldiers. For more information visit

www.snowballexpress.com or email info@snowballexpress.com Donations can be mailed to Snowball Express 28241 Crown Valley Parkway, #401 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 and are accepted online.

About Toys for Tots The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. For more information visit www.toysfortots.com

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