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## Ford Airport to Surprise Three Millionth Passenger



(Above): A passenger arrives on an inbound Phoenix flight and is greeted with cookies and water from airport staff.

**Grand Rapids, Mich.** – The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) will be surprising its three millionth passenger on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with a reception to also include surprises and giveaways for passengers flying that day.

The Airport had a total of over 2.7 million passengers served through the end of October. November and December seat totals and flight information are forecasting the three millionth passenger to arrive around 11 a.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Media are welcome to join airport officials as they surprise the lucky three millionth passenger.

“Our three millionth passenger has no idea they will be greeted upon arrival at our airport with balloons, gifts, and some really fantastic giveaways,” said GFIA Marketing & Communications Director Tara Hernandez. “To hit three million passengers is a first for our airport and we really



want to go above and beyond to celebrate it with one lucky passenger, but also for all of those traveling through our airport that day.”

The three millionth passenger will be receiving three \$300 travel vouchers and three free days of parking from the Airport Authority, a gift basket of travel accessories from Hudson News & Gifts valued over \$300, a Beer City Welcome Basket from Experience Grand Rapids, and much more.

Airport staff will also be passing out cookies, candy, giveaways, and registering people to win three \$300 flight vouchers from 9a.m. - 2p.m. that day.

For more information or interviews, please contact Tara Hernandez.

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### **About GFIA**

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) is the second busiest airport in Michigan. The Airport served over 2.8 million passengers in 2017 and over 7,000 travelers pass through GFIA each day. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport offers nonstop service to 27 major market destinations with more than 120 daily nonstop flights. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority. GFIA generates over \$3.1 billion in annual economic output throughout West Michigan, and employs over 2,000 people. For more information on GFIA visit: [www.flyford.org](http://www.flyford.org) or follow the airport on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @FlyGRFord