



The Freedom Train



The highlight of Portland, Oregon's largest civic celebration—the annual Rose Festival celebrated each year in June—is the Grand Floral Parade featuring dozens of spectacular floats that draw oohs and ahs from thousands of onlookers. One year a very special float—The Freedom Train—captured everyone's attention. The Freedom Train was conceived as a vehicle to salute the heroes of our community—heroes who volunteer, who save lives and who do their jobs day after day without grandeur or ceremony. The Freedom Train was sponsored in part by Azumano Travel and FLIR Systems, who teamed up to thank all those who participated in the Flight For Freedom to New York City and to pay tribute to firefighters, both in Oregon and New York. In addition to firefighters and Freedom Fliers, special guest riders were two Staten Island schoolteachers.



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