For Immediate Release:

MERCY FLIGHT CENTRAL ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF UTICA BASE OPERATIONS
Canandaigua-Based Air Medical Non-Profit Service committed to supporting Mohawk Valley Region.

Canandaigua, NY, September 30, 2013 – Mercy Flight Central announced today that the base operation located at 368 Shortlots Road, Frankfort, NY will be suspended until further notice due to corporate restructuring. “We are committed to the delivery of critical care services to the Mohawk Valley Region and will continue to support this region from our base locations in Marcellus and Canandaigua. Our plan is to evaluate options to provide more localized coverage during this suspension,” said Erin Van Zummeren, Mercy Flight Central Program Director. The air medical services company will continue to provide outreach training related to safety protocols and proper utilization of services to EMS and Fire agencies in the area.

ABOUT MERCY FLIGHT CENTRAL

Mercy Flight Central was founded as a non-profit in 1992 to provide air medical services to residents of New York State and beyond. Since inception, the organization has served more than 13,000 patients and grown to approximately 50 employees. This includes bases of operations in Canandaigua and Marcellus, New York. The organization began operations as an advanced life support air ambulance service and has since expanded to become New York’s premier critical care air medical service with three helicopters and one turboprop jet airplane staffed 24/7/365.

Mercy Flight Central provides the highest level of pre-hospital critical care to patients. The organization’s critical care teams consist of highly skilled pilots, registered nurses, paramedics and volunteer physicians. These teams work closely together to care for critically ill and injured patients requiring advanced treatment and rapid air transport to specialized medical centers across the northeast. The aircraft utilized in transports includes helicopters that can travel within a 150-mile radius of Mercy Flight Central’s base locations. Twin engine airplanes are utilized for transports to further reaches of the United States and Canada. Aside from typical patient transports, Mercy Flight Central routinely handles pre-transplant and post-transplant patients.

For additional information, visit www.mercyflightcentral.org or find it on Facebook at Mercy Flight Central.

###

Media Contact:
Anita Roberts
Mercy Flight Central, Inc.
(585) 396-0584
aroberts@mercyflightcentral.org