Press Release & Media Advisory
Wings for All Lands at GSP on September 23, 2023!
Making the Skies Friendlier for Everyone

The Arc of South Carolina, The Arc of the US, GSP Airport, Delta Air Lines, and Enterprise Holdings will co-host Wings for All® on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The Arc of the United States founded Wings for All® in 2014 to provide individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families with a real-life simulation of the air travel experience without actually leaving the ground. This event also provides airline and TSA staff much-needed training in serving individuals with IDD and working with their families to ensure their safety and comfort. This event is free to families and open to all individuals with IDD, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

What: Wings for All®

Who: Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families

When: Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 12:45 p.m.

Where: Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) located at 2000 GSP Dr. Greer, SC 29651

Why: This program serves to (1) alleviate some of the stress that families face when traveling by air with a loved one with an intellectual/developmental disability, and (2) provide needed training to TSA, airport and airline staff on how to better serve individuals with IDD and their families.

MEDIA RSVP REQUIRED: Please send full name (as it appears on government-issued I.D.) and date of birth to media@gspairport.com by September 7th. Media is asked to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. and will be required to show government-issued I.D. and follow TSA security guidelines.

The Arc advocates for and serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), including Down syndrome, autism, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy and other diagnoses. The Arc has a network of almost 600 state and local chapters across the country promoting and protecting the human rights of people with IDD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes and without regard to diagnosis.

For more information, please contact Kim Davis at kDavis@gspairport.com or Danni Bloom at Dannii@arcsc.org.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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For individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families, the numerous challenges that may arise in passing through a busy airport and onto a crowded aircraft prevent many from traveling by air. Bright lights, loud noises, large crowds and unfamiliar settings are things that frequent travelers are accustomed to, but for an individual with IDD, these experiences can be painful, frightening, and overwhelming.

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