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CDA Web Alert

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CDA Hosts Plane Pull at O'Hare for Special Olympics, Second Plane Pull to take Place at Midway



The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) hosted a charity Plane Pull on Saturday September 25, 2010.

For the second consecutive year, nearly 1,000 spectators, volunteers and participants met at O'Hare International Airport, the site of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull 2010

organized by Special Olympics Illinois.

Twenty-eight teams of men and women competed against machine as teams of twenty played tug-of-war with an UPS Airbus A300 aircraft at O'Hare.

Each team was required to pull the aircraft to a pre-determined mark in the least amount of time to win the "Fastest Team Pull" award for their division.

"On behalf of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Aviation, I want to thank all the team participants and volunteers who came out to show their support for Special Olympics Illinois," said CDA First Deputy Michael Boland at the event's Opening Ceremony.



The winner in the Public Safety category was the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) team member "Strongmen." The winner in the Non-Public Safety category was Meade 1. Team Meade 1 also beat out the CFD for the Grand Champions title.

The event raised nearly \$67,000 for Special Olympics Illinois.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to more than 22,000 athletes with disabilities in the state. For more information, please visit www.soill.org.



There will be a second plane pull at Midway International Airport on Saturday, October 9, 2010 presented by Southwest Airlines to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. Teams will play tug-of-war with a Southwest Airlines 737 at Midway.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI) work to improve the health, well-being and education of children through various core programs and scholarships.

To register for the October 9, 2010 Plane Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit www.rmhcni.org/Events.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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