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CDA Web Alert

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CDA Plane Pulls at O'Hare and Midway Airports

Reminder

The Chicago Department of Aviation is excited to host two charity Plane Pulls in 2010. On Saturday September 25, 2010, O'Hare International Airport will be the site of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull 2010 organized by Special Olympics Illinois. The second plane pull will be at Midway International Airport, presented by Southwest Airlines to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities on October 9, 2010.

Men and women will compete against machine as teams of 20 play tug-of-war with an UPS Airbus A300 aircraft at O'Hare, and a Southwest Airlines 737 at Midway. Each team must pull the aircraft in the least amount of time to win the "Fastest Team Pull" award for their division. The fastest team from each division will then face-off for one final pull to be named grand champion!

Gather your co-workers, family and friends and work together as a team to pull planes in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull and the Southwest Airlines Plane Pull benefiting the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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. These activities allow the athletes opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

To register for the September 25, 2010 Plane Pull for Special Olympics Illinois, visit: www.illinoisplanepull.com.

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. Visit their website at www.rmhcni.org.

To register for the October 9, 2010 Plane Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit www.rmhccni.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.