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Time for Takeoff as the Airport Hosts Wings For All

A Dress Rehearsal for those who might otherwise shy away from Flying

BIRMINGHAM, AL (Date) – As families prepare for the upcoming holiday travel season, some of them face uncertainties. That’s why Wings For All was created.

On Saturday, October 15th, at 5:45PM, local families will get an opportunity to prepare for air travel in the future as the Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport and The Arc of Central Alabama host a Wings For All event in the terminal. This event is designed especially for individuals who have intellectual/developmental disabilities, their families, and the aviation professionals who can help make the experience a smooth one. The goal is to alleviate some of the stress families experience when traveling by air, especially those with sensory or mobility issues.

With help from Southwest Airlines, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), HMSHost, and the generous support of Regions Bank, the program is a comprehensive dress rehearsal for air travel. Participants will begin in the parking lot, then on to the airline check-in, security screening, eating and interacting in the concourse, boarding a commercial aircraft, and celebrating the experience afterward.

If members of the media would like to cover the event, please contact Kim Hunt with the Birmingham Airport Authority. For more information about the program, contact Emily Hamilton, Emily.hamilton@arcocentralalabama.org.

Media parking is available on the upper roadway (departures level) near door 1U.

About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit flybirmingham.com or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).