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Wheels Up at “Wings For All” in Birmingham

Airport, ARC of Central Alabama hosting event to help families prepare for air travel

BIRMINGHAM, AL (October 6, 2022) - Registration is currently open to participate in the Wings For All (formerly Wings for Autism) event. Wings is an airport rehearsal designed for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD), their families, and aviation professionals. Birmingham’s event will take place the evening of **Saturday, October 15th** inside the bhm terminal. The airport is teaming with The Arc of Central Alabama to host the event. With the help of Southwest Airlines, HMS Host, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the generous support of Regions Bank, the event will give families peace of mind when it comes time to plan a trip.

Wings For All is designed to alleviate some of the stress families experience when traveling by air, especially those with sensory or mobility issues. The program provides families the opportunity to practice parking, entering the airport, going through the check-in process, interacting with TSA, navigating the airport, and boarding a plane. Wings For All also gives airport, airline, TSA, and other personnel the opportunity to observe, interact, and deliver their services in a positive learning environment. The program was created by The Arc of the United States and is implemented locally by The Arc of Central Alabama.

Registration is free and open to individuals of all ages with IDD and their families. Interested participants can sign up online by visiting www.arcofcentralalabama.org and clicking on the Wings For All banner link. Each participant gets to bring one caregiver on board the aircraft. A reception follows to celebrate the experience.

For more information on the Wings For All program, visit www.arcofcentralalabama.org or email emily.hamilton@arcofcentralalabama.org. Or you can contact Kim Hunt at the Birmingham Airport Authority.

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