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Annual 5K at PHL Airport Was Another Run Away Success

PHILADELPHIA – A record 417 runners and walkers of all ages spent the first Saturday in September taking part in the fourth annual 5K Run on the Runway at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) on September 7. The fun event was a partnership between the Airport and American Airlines, the largest carrier at PHL.

In brilliant sunshine and comfortable temperatures in the 60s at race time, runners embarked on the course up and down Runway 8-26 from the ramp near Atlantic Aviation, Fixed Base Operator at PHL.

The top overall finisher was Meghan Coyle of Philadelphia who crossed the finish line in 18:34. The second overall finisher was Juan Ortega Legaspi of Bala Cynwyd who ran the course in 18:39. The top 3 male and female runners in each age group were awarded medals.

“This is such a fun event for our entire Airport community, and it’s getting better every year,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “The number of runners and walkers taking part in this unique experience was an all-time high and, more importantly, helped raise a lot of money for two worthwhile charities.”

All proceeds from the race supported the Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition and Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, which are 501 (C3) charities. Habitat received a check for \$21,250; Eastwick \$19,750. City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, whose district includes the Airport, helped to organize community involvement in the 5K and identify the charities.

“American Airlines has been a presenting sponsor of the PHL Airport Runway 5K, and we’re proud to say it’s a record year,” said Jim Moses, American Airlines VP PHL Hub. “It’s just one of many ways American is investing in the Philadelphia community as we continue to grow our presence in the market and better care for our friends and neighbors across the region.”

In addition to American Airlines, the Airport would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: UPS, OTG Management, Marketplace, Burns and McDonnell, AECOM, Sheward Partnership, Prime Flight, Alaska Air, ACS Airport, American Airlines Credit Union, Avair Pros, Basta, CJ Maintenance Inc., Frontier Airlines, G2, IDS, and Republic Air.

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