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Annual 5K at PHL Airport Was Another Run Away Success

PHILADELPHIA – More than 280 runners and walkers of all ages took advantage of a gorgeous Saturday morning to take part in the second annual 5K Run on the Runway at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) on Saturday, August 26. 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, the runners embarked on the course up and down Runway 8-26 from the ramp near Atlantic Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator at PHL.

The first female and male finishers were a husband-wife team from Cherry Hill, NJ: Tim Sick (17:43) and Hollie Sick (19:47). Also among the participants was Carol Thomas, 72, an American Airlines retiree who traveled to PHL to take part in her 21st runway run.

“The weather was absolutely perfect,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We couldn’t have hoped for a better day to do this exciting event again to not only offer a unique experience to these dedicated runners and walkers but more importantly, to help 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. Each of the organizations, which are 501 (C3) charities, received checks for \$15,000. City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, whose district includes the Airport, helped to organize community involvement in the 5K and identify the charities.

“This is a fun event for us to engage with our airport partners and the community and help raise money for worthwhile causes,” said Olympia Colasante, American Airlines VP, PHL Hub Operations. “It’s a rewarding experience and we look forward to more events like it.”

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, PB/WSB, Prime Flight and Prospect.

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