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Annual 5K at PHL Airport Was Another Run Away Success

PHILADELPHIA – More than 280 runners and walkers of all ages spent the first day of autumn taking part in the third annual 5K Run on the Runway at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) on Saturday, September 22. 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 top male finisher was William Dykes, a senior at Sun Valley High School in Delaware County, who crossed the finish line in 19:13. The top female finisher was Alexis Brook, an American Airlines employee, who ran the course in 24:09. The top 3 male and female runners were awarded medals.

“This is such a fun event for our entire Airport community,” 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, each received checks for \$10,000. City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, whose district includes the Airport, helped to organize community involvement in the 5K and identify the charities.

“As I begin my new role here in Philadelphia, I’m encouraged to see members of the Airport community coming together to support those causes that are important to those whom we serve,” said Jim Moses, American Airlines VP, PHL Hub Operations. “The PHL Run on the Runway is a favorite event for our team members and customers who enjoy seeing the Airport from a very different perspective than they are used to.”

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 and Prospect.

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William Dykes was the top male finisher in the PHL 5K running the course in 19:13 while Alexis Brook was the first female finisher in 24:09

