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## First 5K at PHL Airport Was a Run Away Success

**PHILADELPHIA** – More than 250 runners of all ages disregarded pre-dawn heavy rain and braved biting winds at race time to take part in the first 5K Run on the Runway at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) on October 22. The fun event was a partnership between the Airport and American Airlines, the largest carrier at PHL.

The runners embarked on the course up and down Runway 8-26 from the ramp near Atlantic Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator at PHL. Josh Munoz of Germantown was the top male finisher in 18:17. Megan Ryerson, a University of Pennsylvania professor, was the first female to cross the finish line in 22:22.

“The weather was no obstacle to these dedicated runners, and they got to experience a unique venue by running on a runway at a major airport,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “But even more so, they raised a lot of money for two very 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 \$19,445. City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, whose district includes the Airport, helped to organize community involvement in the 5K and identify the charities.

“Taking part in the first PHL Run on the Runway was very rewarding both as a sponsor and participant,” said American’s PHL Hub Vice President Cedric Rockamore. “It was a great opportunity to be with friends and coworkers while supporting two great organizations in our community.”



*Megan Ryerson and Joshua Munoz were the top female and male finishers in the 5K Run on the Runway.*