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Quiet Room Opens at Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA – Philadelphia International Airport is vibrant and lively, but sometimes passengers may need to take a step back from the hustle and bustle that comes with traveling. PHL Airport now offers a Quiet Room for those who desire a place for solitude or prayer.

The 315-square foot room contains two open areas separated by frosted glass for semi-privacy. Each area features built-in wooden benches and a circular rug inset within the floor. The Quiet Room contains a foot bath for those passengers who require cleansing before prayer. Also, the space features visual design accents throughout the room known as Floating Prayer Seeds or dandelion seeds.

Since the dandelion flower can thrive in difficult conditions, some say it symbolizes healing from emotional and physical injury alike and the ability to rise above life's challenges.

The Quiet Room is a place of silence, which all passengers may use regardless of their worldview, culture and religious affiliation.

"We encourage our passengers to use this room with respect while enjoying a moment of tranquility before continuing their travels," said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron.

Cameron and Olympia Colasante, the vice president of American Airlines' hub operations in Philadelphia, were set to hand out 100 white carnations this afternoon to passengers to mark the opening of the Quiet Room.

The Quiet Room is located post security in the D-E connector and is open 365/24/7.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.