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FLIGHT FOR AUTISM TAKES OFF JUNE 22

What:

Flying can be overwhelming for children who are uncomfortable with new situations and unfamiliar surroundings. The "Taking Flight for Autism," program is designed to acclimate children to the airport environment and practice procedures to help them become more comfortable when traveling by air.

Airport personnel will demonstrate the process for flight check-in, security screening and boarding a Delta Air Lines plane. In addition, a full flight crew will simulate a flight. As part of the program, families will be able to orient their children to the noise and sensations of the airport and the flight experience.

When:

Saturday, June 22, 2018, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

9:15 a.m.-Check-in begins in Terminal 2, Delta ticket counters 9:15 through 10:30 a.m.-Families proceed through the TSA security checkpoint. 10:40 a.m.-Families board the plane with children to get acclimated and to better

understand what happens on a flight.

Where:

Media interested in covering the event: Meet at 9:30 a.m. in Terminal 2 by the Delta ticket counters with the Flight for Autism signs. Proceed to the Delta ticket counter to get a gate pass. Media will need a valid driver's license in order to get a pass to access the TSA security checkpoint. All requirements to clear security apply.

Who:

-Approx. 34 families and 120 participants are registered for the event. -Families for Autism and Asperger's Standing Together (F.A.A.S.T.) – James Vaughan.

Media:

Media interested in covering this event should contact Nancy Volmer by **Friday**, June 21 at noon with your name (as it appears on one's driver's license) and date of birth.

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