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MEDIA ADVISORY

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TAKING FLIGHT FOR AUTISM PROGRAM COMING JUNE 16

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 Airlines aircraft. 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 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.-Media to meet Nancy Volmer in Terminal 2 across from the Delta counters to get badges and be escorted through security.

10:45 a.m.-Proceed through security. Bring a driver's license and be prepared just as if you were flying.

11:30 a.m. to-Families board plane with children to get acclimated and to better understand what happens on a flight.

Where:

Media interested in covering the event-Meet at 10:30 a.m. in Terminal 2 by the Delta ticket counters with the Flight for Autism signs. Nancy Volmer will issue media badges there and escort media through security.

Who:

Approx. 29 families and 105 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 **Thursday, June 14 at 4 p.m.** with the name (as it appears on one's driver's license) and date of birth in order to get a badge.

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