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Midway Hosts Plane Pull to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities



For the fourth consecutive year, nearly 600 spectators, volunteers and participants met at Midway International Airport on Saturday, October 9, 2010 for the Southwest Airlines Plane Pull benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

Seventeen teams of men and women competed against machine as they played tug-of-war with a Southwest Airlines B-737 aircraft.

Each team was required to pull the aircraft to a pre-determined mark in the least amount of time to win the "Fastest Team Pull" award.

The fastest pull and winning team was Comer McMuscles from Comer Children's Hospital. The event raised nearly \$110,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI) work to improve the health, well-being and education of children through various core programs and scholarships. For information on the Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit www.rmhccni.org.



The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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