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The Arc's Wings for All Lands at CHS

Get Your Tickets Today!

The Arc of South Carolina, The Arc of the Low Country, CHS Airport, Delta Air Lines, and Enterprise Holdings will co-host Wings for All® on Saturday, April 15th. The Wings program is a chance for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families to rehearse the airport experience and board an airplane, many for the first time.

The Arc founded Wings for All in 2014. Our goal is to alleviate the stress of air travel with practice and to educate airport and airline personnel, and TSA on ways to improve the experience for passengers of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event is free to families and open to all individuals with IDD, however pre-registration is required because space is limited.

WHAT: The Arc of South Carolina and The Arc of the Low Country Wings for All Event

WHEN: 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15, 2023

WHERE: Charleston International Airport (CHS) at 5500 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418

Register Here: <https://fs30.formsite.com/wingsforautism/0px4cerbuj/index>

MEDIA RSVP REQUIRED:

Please send full name (as it appears on government-issued I.D.) and date of birth to Cheyenne Malacara, Charleston International Airport at cmalacara@iflychs.com no later than April 7, 2023.

Media is required to show government-issued I.D. and follow TSA security guidelines.

The Arc advocates for and serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), including Down syndrome, autism, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, cerebral palsy and other diagnoses. The Arc has a network of over 600 chapters across the country promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes and without regard to diagnosis.

Editor's Note: The Arc is not an acronym; always refer to us as The Arc, not The ARC and never ARC. The Arc should be considered as a title or a phrase.

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**Wings for All is Coming to Charleston
International Airport on April 15th!
Register for your seat today!**



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Making the Skies Friendlier for Everyone

For more information, please visit arcsc.org/wings-for-autism.



MEDIA ADVISORY

CHS Airport, The Arc of South Carolina and The Arc of the Low Country are to host event for individuals with disabilities on April 15, 2023.

For individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families, the numerous challenges that may arise in passing through a busy airport and onto a crowded aircraft prevent many from traveling by air. Bright lights, loud noises, large crowds and unfamiliar settings are things that frequent travelers are accustomed to, but for an individual with IDD, these experiences can be painful, frightening, and overwhelming.

The Arc of South Carolina, The Arc of the Low Country, The Arc of the US, CHS Airport, Delta Air Lines, and Enterprise Holdings are co-hosting a Wings for All® event on April 15, 2023. Wings for All® is a program by The Arc of the United States that provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families with a real-life simulation of the air travel experience. This event also provides airline and TSA staff much-needed training in serving individuals with IDD and working with their families to ensure their safety and comfort.

What: Wings for All®

Who: Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families

When: Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

Where: CHS Airport

Why: This program serves to (1) Alleviate some of the stress that families who have a child with an intellectual/developmental disability have when travelling by air and (2) Provide needed training to TSA, airport and airline staff on how to better serve individuals with I/DD and their families.

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