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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Oct. 19, 2016**

WINGS FOR AUTISM COMES TO APPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OCT. 22  
The Arc Senior Executive Officer Of National Initiatives To Attend Event

[The Arc](#) will host a [Wings For Autism](#) event at [Appleton International Airport](#) Oct. 22. The event is being held in partnership with ATW, [Allegiant Air](#), [Autism Society of the Fox Valley](#), [Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation For Autism](#), [Fox Valley Autism Treatment Program](#), [SOAR Fox Cities, Inc.](#) and [WisconSibs](#). The national director of The Arc, [Karen Wolf-Branigin](#), will also be in attendance.

Wings For Autism is an airport "rehearsal" designed for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, their families and aviation professionals to help alleviate stress from flying.

**What:** Wings For Autism

**Where:** Appleton International Airport

W6390 Challenger Dr.  
Appleton, WI 54914

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. - Volunteers arrive
- 11 a.m. - Registration opens
- 11:30 a.m. - Participants start going through TSA
- 12:45 p.m. - Participants board flight
- 1:15 p.m. - Simulated departure
- 1:45 p.m. - Deplane
- 2 p.m. - Baggage claim, survey and gift bag hand out

### Visuals:

- Participants and family members passing through TSA security
- Participants and family members on a plane for a simulated flight
- Participants and family members going through baggage claim

### Interview Opportunities:

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### Appleton International Airport

Appleton International Airport serves business travelers and vacationers with flights around the country. Allegiant Air flies out of Appleton International Airport to four nonstop destinations. The airport also has flights to major hubs around the U.S. on Delta Air Lines and United Airlines.

### The Arc

The Arc is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and various other developmental disabilities. The Arc has a network of more than 650 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.

