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CESSNA CITATION SPECIAL OLYMPICS AIRLIFT TO FLY 69 SPECIAL OLYMPICS OKLAHOMA ATHLETES TO LINCOLN, NEB.

Volunteer pilots, aircrafts donated to bring athletes and coaches to the
USA National Games

TULSA, Oklahoma - On Saturday, July 17, Special Olympics athletes from Oklahoma will take part in the 2010 Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift, which will bring in 800 athletes and coaches from across the United States to take part in the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, July 18-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Sixty-nine Special Olympics Oklahoma athletes and coaches will depart from Atlantic Aviation at Tulsa International Airport on July 17 beginning at 11:37 a.m. The Cessnas will depart every two minutes and the last Cessna takes off at 12:28 p.m.

The volunteer pilots and donated aircrafts are from Oklahoma Tank Lines, Carson Wealth Management Group, Garmin International, Inc., Poet Ethanol Products, The NORDAM Group, Galena Air Services, Premier Charter, Quik Trip Corporation, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc., 44SH, LLC and NelNet.

Nationwide, more than 160 private jets have been donated, with many of the planes making multiple trips to bring athletes and take them home. The jets will be landing approximately every two minutes for a 9-hour period on Saturday, July 17.

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Special Olympics Oklahoma athlete Erin Henke, a participant in the 2006 Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift said the experience was thrilling. "It was so exciting to fly to the USA National Games. It was an experience I'll never forget. I just love everybody."

Information for the Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift can be found at www.airlift.cessna.com including a video featuring Harrison Ford, honorary chairman for the 2010 Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift. More information about the Airlift can also be found at www.2010specialolympics.org.

About the Special Olympics Oklahoma

More information about Special Olympics Oklahoma can be found at <http://www.specialolympicsoklahoma.org/NationalGames.html>. A list of athletes and their hometowns, biographies and photos can be found here. For more information, please contact Donna Ham at 918-481-1234.

About the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games

The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska will showcase and celebrate the Special Olympics movement and athletes from across the United States, while illustrating the power of sports to educate and inform about the true abilities and achievements of people with intellectual disabilities. From July 18-23, 2010, nearly 3,000 athletes will compete in 13 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and an estimated 15,000 family and friends. In addition to sports, the USA National Games will offer various programs in health, wellness and education. To learn more, please visit www.2010specialolympics.org

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