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**For Immediate Release:**

**Air Show Scheduled to Present More Than \$48,000 to  
Valley Youth Organizations and Charities**

**Columbus, Ga., August 12, 2012** – During a breakfast celebration on August 16, 2012, ten youth organizations and charities from across the Chattahoochee Valley will receive \$48,500, made possible by the success of the 2012 Thunder in the Valley Air Show, which took place in March. The presentation will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the main conference room of the Columbus Airport. Checks will be presented to the executive directors of the following youth organizations and charities:

- Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Chattahoochee Valley
- Chattahoochee Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Easter Seals West Georgia
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Kids Café
- Literacy Alliance
- Outdoor Therapeutic Program
- Russell County's Child Advocacy Center
- Storybook Farm

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show also provided fund-raising opportunities for youth groups through the operation of Air Show concessions, carnival activities and other Air Show related duties. This year, the Thunder in the Valley Air Show provided tickets to Ft. Benning's training brigades and area youth groups to allow trainees and underprivileged youth the opportunity to experience the show. More than \$16,000 in contributions and tickets were donated to 16 youth groups and 1,000 trainees, **bringing the total contribution to area charities and causes to \$64,500.**

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a non-profit event that is managed and operated by more than 400 volunteers each year. This year's Air Show welcomed more than 25,000 spectators. As a result, the Air Show was able to give back generously to the community.

"This year's Air Show was truly remarkable," says Phaedra Childers, event coordinator. "It was a historical mark in the Air Show's history to be selected for the F-18 Hornet and MV-22 Osprey demonstration teams by the Department of Defense. The weather was perfect and we had great crowds."

Childers cited the sponsors and volunteers as being fundamental to the success of the 2012 event. "We could not present the Air Show without the ongoing support and personal involvement of our sponsors, and the participation of our devoted volunteers," she explains. "The Air Show committee works very hard every year to put on a great show, but we measure our success by how much we can donate to area youth organizations and charities."

The 2013 Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, 2013 at the Columbus Airport. The line-up of performers and static displays will be announced in January 2013.

About the Thunder in the Valley Air Show:

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show began in 1997 as a local fly-in for aviation enthusiasts and has grown to become one of the largest outdoor family events in the Chattahoochee Valley. The Air Show brings in top performers from across the United States. National attention has been given to the Thunder in the Valley Air Show by the International Council of Air Shows for excellence in marketing. The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a fun, family, friendly event that is both alcohol and tobacco free. Proceeds from the Air Show are donated to youth organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley. For more information, visit [www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com](http://www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com).

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