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## **Thunder in the Valley Air Show Gives Back More than \$44,000 to Valley Youth Organizations and Charities**

**Columbus, Ga., July 27, 2014** – Eight youth organizations and charities from across the Chattahoochee Valley will be presented with donations totaling \$37,000 by the 2014 Thunder in the Valley Air Show.

The presentation will take place during a breakfast celebration on August 4 in the main conference room of the Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. and the location is 1237 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Checks will be presented to the executive directors of the following youth organizations and programs:

- Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Chattahoochee Valley
- Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America
- The Literacy Alliance
- Rising Star Program
- Russell County Child Advocacy Center
- Storybook Farm
- Young Eagles

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show also provides fund-raising opportunities for youth groups through the operation of air show concessions, carnival activities and other needed duties. This year, the Thunder in the Valley Air Show provided tickets to youth groups and Wounded Warriors to afford soldiers and underprivileged youth the opportunity to experience the show. \$7,500 in contributions and tickets were donated to 13 youth groups and 200 soldiers, bringing the total contribution of the Air Show to \$44,500 for 2014.

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a non-profit event managed and operated by more than 300 volunteers each year. Despite the cancellation of performances on the second day, the Air Show was able to generously give back to the community.

“Although we were disappointed that thunderstorms forced the cancellation of Sunday’s events, the 2014 Air Show was a financial success compared to 2013,” said Air Show Coordinator, Phaedra Childers. “This year’s Air Show gave back \$12,000 more in donations to youth organizations than in 2013. The Air Show committee is grateful for the support of our sponsors and spectators, and the participation of our devoted volunteers.”

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Columbus Airport. The line-up of air show performers and aircraft static displays will be announced in January 2015.

### **About 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, all paid for by local and regional sponsors whose products and services are exposed to an average of 10,000 guests each day of the Show, and included in advertising that reaches hundreds of thousands before the event. 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 event with proceeds going to youth organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley; bringing total contributions over the years by the Air Show to more than **\$700,000**.

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