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2011 Air Show Benefited Dozens of Southwest Florida Charities

PUNTA GORDA, FLA. (JUNE 14, 2011) – On Tuesday, June 14, the 2011 Florida International Air Show Board of Directors presented checks to representatives of many of the thirty one local charities who benefit from working with the Air Show. "The Air Show is only made possible through generous support of our sponsors and the tireless effort provided by our more than 500 volunteers," said Fred Buckingham, Chairman of the Board. "They are all critical to the success of the Show."

Checks totaling \$43,906 were distributed as a result of the 2011 Florida International Air Show held at the Charlotte County Airport on March 25 and 26. This is the 31st year that Charlotte County has hosted the annual Air Show benefiting southwest Florida charities; the organization has contributed more than \$2.5 million dollars to charities over the years.

Beginning as a brief single day event with only a few acts, the Air Show has grown into a three-day event with family and fan-friendly activities, a large variety of acts, interactive displays and much more.

The Florida International Air Show (FIAS) organization is a Florida "not for profit" corporation and staffed entirely by volunteers. Their mission is to present a yearly Air Show focused on providing wholesome family entertainment, is educational for all attendees in the areas of aviation and space, presents a forum for military and commercial flight demonstrations, and offers a friendly environment for military recruiting. Income from gate receipts, sponsors and other income-generating events contribute to producing each annual Air Show. Monies in excess of this requirement are distributed to local working charities.

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In addition, the dates for the **2012 Florida International Air Show** are set for **March 24-25**, and will **feature the Blue Angels**, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron.

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