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LOCAL NON-PROFIT MENDED LITTLE HEARTS OF CHARLOTTESVILLE VISITS CHO

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. – The Charlottesville Albemarle Airport (CHO) will be hosting members of the organization **Mended Little Hearts of Charlottesville** on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The group is affiliated with the national organization **Mended Hearts, Inc** and was established for families with children who live with heart defects and disease, providing a support network for education, advocacy, awareness, and outreach.

More than 32,000 infants (one out of every 125 to 150) are born with heart defects each year in the United States. The defect may be so slight that the baby appears healthy for many years after birth, or so severe that its life is in immediate danger.

In support of these children and their families, CHO will be offering a VIP tour providing a behind the scenes look at daily operations. Over a dozen families with children aging from 18 months to 8 years old will have an air travel experience without leaving the ground.

About Charlottesville Albemarle Airport

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport is a non-hub commercial airport with four airlines serving central Virginia with direct service to six major destinations and multiple one-stop flights worldwide. The Airport Tour Program is offered to non-profit organizations in Central Virginia. For more information and the latest travel news, visit www.gocho.com.

About Mended Little Hearts of Charlottesville

Donations are accepted that will ensure the organization can continue to educate the public, offer emotional support, pre and post-surgical assistance and network in an effort to further research and legislation. Visit <http://mlhcharlottesville.org/> for additional information.

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