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## PRESS RELEASE

### **2492 (LUTON AIRPORT) SQUADRON – CHILDREN IN NEED 2006**

Cadets from 2492 (Luton Airport) Squadron, Air Training Corps helped raise £1549.81 for Children In Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. They participated in a charity 15-Tonne Tank Pull at RAF Duxford. They were pitted against regular serving soldiers from the Army, Territorial Army, Royal Air Force, Police and Fire Service teams.

The cadets finished second overall, setting a time of 44 seconds for the 50m run. That's approximately £35 per second! All heats were timed and 2492 Sqn won their heat against the Bedfordshire Police team. A huge cheer emerged from the regular forces when the Air Cadet team beat the Police.

After all the heats and timings had been complied, 2492 Sqn finished second overall just missing the Parachute Regiment team by a few seconds. Admittedly, there were more Cadets than Para's but that didn't matter on the day, it was all about team spirit!

After finishing the race, the remainder of the day was spent at RAF Duxford in preparation for the live BBC Look East Children In Need broadcast. The Squadron had two live feeds which involved a Squadron Team/Cheque presentation and Tank Pull demonstration.

The cadets also became world record breakers that same day in participating in the largest human formation of the Concorde aircraft. All staff and cadets were issued 'Staff' passes enabling them full 'Green Room' access to the bands, stars and presenters that evening.

Full corporate hospitality was on the menu as the cadets were very hungry after all that tank pulling!

The Commanding Officer, Flt Lt Murad RAFVR(T) was quoted "All the cadets and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. To raise the amount we have in just one week is a very commendable effort to all involved. It is for a very worthy cause indeed".

2492 (Luton Airport) Squadron is currently recruiting young people between 13 and 16 for a busy year 2007 ahead. Please contact the Squadron on 01582 454452 for further details.

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Kind regards

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