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(S.D.)-Governor Daugaard Makes First Ever 'Absolutely Incredible' Skydive Jump



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MADISON, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says his first skydive was an "absolutely incredible" experience.

The 60-year-old governor jumped from a plane over Madison Wednesday night in tandem with an instructor and fell 10,000 feet before landing safely in a field. He did it to fulfill a pledge to help raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. He says he was a little bit nervous but mostly excited.

Daugaard had pledged to jump with Madison Dairy Queen owner DeLon Mork if the restaurant sold more than 32,000 Blizzard treats during a recent nationwide fundraiser. The restaurant sold more than 38,000.

The jump had been planned for mid-August but low clouds derailed that attempt.