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New Annual, All Time Records for CAN Flights

Corporate Angel Network arranged flights to specialized treatment for 3,021 cancer patients in 2010, a 9 percent increase over the previous record of 2,778 and a 21 percent increase over patient flights in 2009.

In September, Corporate Angel celebrated another milestone when it transported its 35,000th cancer patient. It's now flown more than 36,000 patients since the charity was founded in 1981.

The 35,000th flight carried William Relyea, 16 months, and his mother from Westchester County Airport to his home in Syracuse, NY. William had been receiving treatment for Neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

When Dr. Brian Kushner, a world renowned oncologist specializing in neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a member of Corporate Angel Network's Advisory Board learned of our record year, he sent the following note:

"I see so many patients (all children) at Memorial Sloan-Kettering who are benefiting hugely from this service. Thank you!"



About to board his flight home to Syracuse, NY, William Relyea, shown with his mother Kristie, became the 35,000th patient whose flight was arranged by Corporate Angel since its founding in 1981.



Miles O'Brien, former CNN reporter and veteran aviation news broadcaster, was the benefit's master of ceremonies. He shows an acoustic guitar that was autographed on site by all the members of the rock band, Chicago, and later sold at the live auction.

NBAA/CAN Charity Benefit Raises More than \$220,000

More than \$220,000 to benefit Corporate Angel was raised at the National Business Aviation Association's 63rd Annual Meeting and Convention held in Atlanta in October, 2010.

The contribution was raised at live and silent auctions held at the event's annual dinner. More than 900 members of the business aviation industry attended the event.

Included were the heads of major aircraft manufacturers, corporate flight departments, and suppliers of equipment, fuel and related services.

"The business aviation community has a long tradition of supporting worthy causes, and the industry did so again at this year's benefit," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen.

The events auction committee was headed by Corporate Angel Board Member Wilson Leach.

What Others Are Saying

"The expense of cancer is often unbearable. But a well-supported charity with a brilliant idea has been chipping away at that problem...helping to save lives." (Flights of Hope, P.3)

Amidst a Downturn, Our Best Year Ever

In 2010, when general aviation was still experiencing difficult times, Corporate Angel Network set new records for the number of cancer patients helped. Business aviation joined with us to fly more patients to treatment than during any time in Corporate Angel's nearly 30-year history.

Patient flights continue to increase in 2011. The drivers behind this growth are an increase in the number of participating corporations, an escalation in our overall corporate flights, shuttle flights rebounding to near-normal schedules, and an increase in fractional hour donations.

In addition, we were given direct exposure to the operators of some major airframe manufacturers and were the live and silent auction beneficiaries of both the 2009 and 2010 NBAA/CAN Charity Benefits. This not only resulted in additional funding but provided exposure that motivated other corporations to get involved.

These, combined with the inspired work of a skilled staff and a large group of incredibly enthusiastic volunteers, resulted in an exceptional 2010 for Corporate Angel.

—Peter Fleiss, Executive Director


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Other Recent Contributions...

Phillips 66 Aviation, a long-time provider of flight transportation for cancer patients, has joined Safe Flight Instrument Corporation and *Business and Commercial Aviation* as a co-sponsor of the Corporate Angel Award.

“It’s all about providing substantial support for Corporate Angel Network, a brilliantly conceived program that offers truly needed help to thousands of patients suffering from cancer,” said Bryan Faria, Manager General Aviation for ConocoPhillips. A \$21,000 check, the proceeds from the Corporate Angel Award program, was presented to CAN during the NBAA National Convention in Atlanta, GA.



Greg Hamilton, president, Aviation Week, (second from left) presents check to CAN Executive Director Peter Fleiss. Others are (from left) Douglas Schwartz, manager, global aviation services, Rod Palmer, manager, general aviation, and Rick Duste, director, branded sales general aviation, all with ConocoPhillips.

Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, a pioneer in aviation safety and performance since 1946, donated \$50,000 to Corporate Angel Network.

Flight Options, LLC, a leading provider of fractional shares in business aircraft, donated 10 hours of fractional jet flight time to Corporate Angel Network on behalf of its fractional owners. The company has donated flight time since 2001.

Solairus Aviation, the corporate jet management company, has committed a cash contribution of 1 per cent of the first year’s fees for every new aircraft management client it signed up in 2010. Solairus manages a fleet of more than 40 business jets and turbo-prop aircraft nationwide.

Aviation Week Award Goes To Randall Greene for CAN



The 2011 *Aviation Week* Laureate Award for “extraordinary achievements” in the category of Business and General Aviation was presented to Randall Greene (left), chairman, president and CEO of Safe Flight Instrument Corporation and chairman of Corporate Angel Network.

Flights of Hope

PrivatAir is a leading international business aviation group with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, operating bases in Germany, The Netherlands, and in Switzerland. This article was excerpted from a recent issue of the company magazine.

Long after you find the lump that wasn't there yesterday, long after the pain begins to intrude upon your life, long after the doctor says you actually are sick, the battle continues for you and for those million-and-a-half others in the USA alone who learn every year that they have cancer.

It's the fear, the physical and emotional issues that most patients try to deal with at first. Support comes in the form of close family, good friends and, very often, caring medical professionals. In the "cancer community," as some refer to the massive network of people who are touched by the disease, there is no shortage of compassion.

But all too quickly reality intrudes in the form of cost and logistics. For example, high cost sharing, caps on benefits, and lifetime maximums are insurance practices that leave cancer patients vulnerable to high out-of-pocket healthcare costs.

Some patients can amass more than \$100,000 in medical bills despite having an insurance policy throughout treatment. High out-of-pocket expenses are not uncommon. For instance, although the median total out-of-pocket treatment cost for breast cancer patients is \$2,616, one study found that five per cent of privately insured breast cancer patients had total out-of-pocket costs that exceeded \$31,000.

It's true that the expense of cancer is often unbearable. Financing treatment can be nearly impossible, especially when the right treatment can only be found on the other side of the country. But a well-supported charity with a brilliant idea has been chipping away at that problem for decades, saving money for patients, helping those with depleted immune systems, who can't fly commercial, and helping to save lives.

The fact is that thousands of corporate aircraft are crossing the country on important business trips every day, many of them with unused seats. The "brilliant idea" is that these seats are often used to transport patients to cancer treatment hospitals with no cost to the companies or the patients.

The notion that a charity could arrange all this was born in 1981, and the organization that makes it happen is Corporate Angel Network. The staff of six employees and 50 volunteers is lodged in a donated building at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, New York. They contact flight departments, patients and their doctors, arrange the bookings and handle other administrative work.

"Corporate Angel changed my life," says Janelle B, a cancer patient from Colorado. "I had been told I needed a procedure in a city far from where I lived and I had no clue how I was going to get there. The cost of a plane ticket and finding the time to travel was just too much for me to handle. I had almost come to terms with the fact that

I wouldn't be able to get treatment, when I learned about this wonderful organization with its caring volunteers."

Another patient, Frances A from Indiana, says: 'I can't say enough good things about this fantastic service. I've been using it for years and I'm still continuing to use it now. Underline that three times because that's how passionately I feel. If we didn't have Corporate Angel, we would have to be driving which would cut down my ability to get treatment because it's so fatiguing to drive.'

In support of Corporate Angel, more than 500 major corporations offer space on their planes, including half of the Fortune 100, a number of fractional owners and prominent individuals. The charity arranges about 250 flights a month, and participating companies have flown more than 35,000 flights with cancer patients on board. Patients fly in comfort, avoiding large crowds (and thus germs and infections) at commercial terminals. All the patients are ambulatory and require no medical treatment on board. They dress appropriately for business travel. They are eager to acknowledge the value of this service, one writing that her trip 'personalized Corporate America for me'.

"Our Pride is Focused on You."

"The annual party for volunteers gave Corporate Angel's chairman the opportunity to give thanks for "your gifts of health, safety, convenience and peace of mind to the many thousands of cancer patients we happily serve every year." The rest of the letter:

Dear CAN Volunteers:

You care for the sick and you lighten the burdens of their families. In so many important ways you are incredibly useful to those who desperately need your help. Your purpose here is to matter – to make a difference – and you do that in an unselfish way that warms our hearts.

You know about our operating successes this year – the growing numbers of flights we have arranged and the expanding numbers of patients we have served. We all can be pleased with these records.

But tonight the pride of your boards, both the directors and the advisory boards, is focused on you – our very effective and loyal volunteers. You are part of the fabric of volunteerism in this country that fortifies our culture and makes this nation great. Congratulations to every one of you. It's your gift of time, talents, and concern that makes CAN what it is – a paragon in the support of cancer patients.

Through your caring and your work, Corporate Angel Network has become nationally noted as a caregiver to the needy and comforter to the worried and afraid. And that makes all of us exceptionally proud of the work you do so well.

Sincerely,

Randall Greene, Chairman
Corporate Angel Network



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One Memorable Day at Corporate Angel...

When she was pregnant, Jami's doctor discovered that she had breast cancer. Undergoing whatever treatment she could with the least risk to the fetus, Jami knew that, after delivery, she would require a mastectomy.

Leaving her 18-month-old baby at home, Jami took a Corporate Angel flight from her home in Michigan to MD Anderson Hospital in Houston for surgery.

"Her upbeat attitude was inspiring to us all," said Bonnie LeVar, Corporate Angel's Communications Director. "She arrived at her first CAN flight with a plate of homemade cookies for the pilots. Then she sent a huge box of cookies to us. Today another cookie box arrived with a popup card attached. It said 'cancer-free'."

Reports such as these help breathe life into the office routine at Corporate Angel Network and offer compensation for the charity's experienced group of 50 volunteers and half a dozen paid staffers.

They know their work won't bring about a cure for cancer but they also know that their purpose – getting cancer patients to the best treatment for their specific type of cancer – can be a major help in saving lives.

Take Bill, for example. While being treated for colon cancer, Bill learned that the disease also had been discovered in his lungs. He faced two major surgeries. Bill took many Corporate Angel flights to New York City and, after a few months and three serious operations, he stopped calling.

When the phone finally rang, "we feared the worst," a volunteer said, but Bill was calling only to say thank you. "I made it," he said with a smile that could be seen over the phone. "My last scan showed no signs of cancer."

Before settling into her routine of flying back and forth to Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital over several months, Denise was "overwhelmed" with concerns – about her job, the costs of treatment and the possibilities of a cure for her breast cancer.

But after many months of travel, Denise's husband called to schedule travel for a "routine check-up." He reported that her last scans indicate she is free of her dreaded disease.

Amazingly, these three calls of incredible joy arrived during one single day in November, a day that many on the staff will remember for a very long time.