

From the President

Wow!! Over 300 cancer patient flights in October! Only a few years ago we were delighted to arrange 100 flights a month. This magnificent increase in the number of patient flights is the result of the efforts of the staff, volunteers, organizations, donors and corporations who make Corporate Angel Network flourish.

Our volunteers make up the backbone of CAN. They are hard working, reliable, and diligent in their pursuit of flights, pro bono ads, and recruiting new corporations. In addition to all that, they are a lot of fun to work with.

CAN flights are affected by whatever events are occurring in the country. Hurricane Katrina, Presidential visits requiring airport closings, and last month's vast fires in California impact our patients' ability to get to treatment. A newborn needed to get to a specialist in Cincinnati from his home in San Diego. When the fires got too close to his family's home, they were evacuated and were able to make flight arrangements with CAN on their cell phone. The existing fires prevented the corporation from making their scheduled flight and the family was left homeless and without transportation to Ohio. Thanks to a NetJets owner who had donated flight time to CAN to be used for hard-to-place flights such as this, we were able to use NetJets' hours and fly the infant in time for his appointment.

Not all of our 303 flights were as dramatic as this one, however, each one meant as much to the patient and the patient's family. They were able to access the best possible medical care. On behalf of them all,

Thank you,
Bonnie Le Var

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this recognition, I'd like to ask CAN's staff and those board members who are here tonight to stand and take a bow.

I'd also like to thank the Wings Club for the honor the consideration of CAN brings to us in association with last year's recipient – ORBIS. Their pioneering outreach through the worldwide gift of eyesight is without parallel, and we are proud to be considered in their company.

But before I thank you for this gift, let me add a few remarks to fill in what was not covered in the video we just saw: The Corporate Angel Network has come a long way in this, its 26th year, from that first flight from White Plains to Detroit in December 1981. With the generous participation of more than 500 corporate flight departments, we celebrated our 25,000th flight this past February, and we now conduct an average in excess of 3,000 patient flights each year.

CAN has managed to do this with the dedicated support of a board of aerospace leaders and distinguished physicians, a paid staff of only 5 employees, and through the efforts of 50 dedicated volunteers who are the core of the organization.

This team coordinates patient requests with aircraft availability, and by working with aerospace and national media publications, advertising and public relation firms, CAN receives the near-priceless pro bono gift of spreading the word of the availability of transportation for cancer patients to the leading care facilities across the country.

As a CAN board member for 10 years and an occasional CAN pilot for nearly 20, I believe the most lasting impression I've gathered from this mission to cancer patients is the reinforcement of that well-observed truth, that in giving, it is the giver who receives.

Talking with pilots, schedulers, caterers, limo drivers, CEOs and volunteers it is so visibly evident that by facilitating people to reach out and help someone who is battling this difficult and pervasive disease, the rewards of making a difference even outpace the very meaningful and heartfelt thanks that the patients offer in return.

Finally, we wanted to find a more tangible way to express our thanks for this recognition and financial support, support that enables CAN to continue its mission. What better way for us to thank the Wings Club than for the club itself to be recognized by the number one destination of the patients who we carry, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center here in New York City. At the direction of Dr. Harold Varmus, president of Memorial, the Center has recognized tonight's occasion with this plaque recognizing your gift to us. Dr. Eileen O'Reilly of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, who serves on CAN's advisory board, is here with us tonight, and I'd like to thank her for the Center's recognition of the Wings Club.

From all of us at the Corporate Angel Network and the patients whom we seek to assist, we thank the Board of Governors and the members of the Wings Club for this wonderful gift."

25TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEER PARTY

On August 9th, Corporate Angel Network celebrated its 25th year of operation with a party for staff and volunteers at the picturesque Windmill Club, a swim and tennis club on a private lake in Armonk, New York, that is the centerpiece of a long-established community of 377 homes known as Windmill Farm. On a warm Thursday evening, 45 members of CAN threw away their calorie counters and assembled for a night of good food and camaraderie as they hoisted their glasses to toast a quarter century of aiding cancer patients and their families. Joining the festivities was Jay Weinberg, one of the founders of CAN, and his wife Marian. While there was abundant frivolity and high spirits, we can't reveal any more details of the event because, as the locals like to say, "What happens at Windmill Farm stays at Windmill Farm."



CAN board member Wilson Leach thanking volunteers for their dedication

CANCER PATIENTS RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM: CHEVRON, NBAA, SAFE FLIGHT, AND B/CA

Corporate Angel Network was presented a \$28,000 check in a ceremony held on September 25th during the 2007 National Business Aviation Association's 60th Annual Meeting & Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia. Tom Henricks, President of the McGraw Hill Companies AVIATION WEEK, presented the check, to CAN's Executive Director, Peter Fleiss. The money represented the net proceeds of the 2007 Corporate Angel Award program. Along with Tom Henricks, Corporate Angel Award co-sponsors Ed Bolin, President & CEO, NBAA; Randall Greene, President & CEO, Safe Flight Instrument Corporation and Chairman, Corporate Angel Network; Keith Sawyer, General Manager General Aviation, Chevron Global Aviation; and James Christensen, President, NetJets, also took part in the presentation. NetJets is one of this year's Corporate Angel Award recipients, along with AIG, Intel and International Paper.

The Corporate Angel Award recognizes Corporate Angel Network participating corporations and flight departments for their exceptional contributions to cancer patients. Each flight department is recognized with a full-page ad in Business & Commercial Aviation magazine and receives \$2,500 worth of Chevron aviation fuel.

This award, initiated in 2001, recognizes the successful merger of business activity with corporate social responsibility. Previous Corporate Angel Award winners include: Corning, Inc., American Home Products, Schering-Plough, Dow Chemical, Flight Options, Inc., The 401K Company, Verizon, The Ford Motor Company, Limited Brands, ConocoPhillips, PepsiCo, America Online, Inc., AT&T, Bristol-Myers Squibb, The Coca-Cola Company, ConAgra, Wachovia, Honeywell, Duke Energy, VF Corporation, YUM Brands, Altria, and Textron.



(L to R) Keith Sawyer, Ed Bolin, Tom Henricks, Peter Fleiss, Randall Greene, Jim Christensen

CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK ONLINE DONATIONS NOW POSSIBLE

In its continuing commitment to make the most for cancer patients of both cyberspace and airspace, financial contributions can now be made online to Corporate Angel Network using CAN's website, www.CorpAngelNetwork.org. Simply click on "Donations & Support" and follow the instructions. CAN will send a written acknowledgment suitable for tax purposes.

CAN PARTICIPATES IN BREAST CANCER WALK

On Sunday, October 21, CAN President Bonnie Le Var, Patient Registrar Judith Runyan and Volunteer Betty Hanswirth took part in the annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. Judith is a cancer survivor and she, Bonnie and Betty joined with 14,000 participants who walked five miles to raise money to fight breast cancer. The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, was an unqualified success, raising \$1,450,000 to fund early detection programs and cutting-edge research. Since 1993, Making Strides events have raised more than \$230 million. CAN wholeheartedly supports such efforts and plans to put together a larger team effort for next year.



(L to R) Betty Hanswirth, Bonnie LeVar, Judith Runyan

CAN Flight Lines

Published by Corporate Angel Network, a national public charity under IRC §170(b)(1)(a)(vi) and §509(a)(1) that partners with over 500 U.S. corporations and fractional owners, using the empty seats aboard their aircraft to fly cancer patients to recognized treatment centers, free of charge. Financial need is not a factor in eligibility.

Based in White Plains, New York, Corporate Angel Network operates out of offices donated by Westchester County Airport. With the assistance of referring physicians, corporate flight departments, and leading treatment centers, a team of 50 part-time volunteers and five full-time staff arrange nearly 3,000 flights a year.

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New York City, a foremost specialist in neuroblastoma and the doctor for all seven children. When the seven riders reached Washington, DC, one of them, Kevin Sims, spoke at a press conference and met with his Congressman.

Neuroblastoma is very rare. Treatment options are limited and funding for these cutting edge treatments does not flow freely from large non-profit organizations. The funding for research and development of new therapies comes from parents and families like these, who are faced with limited options to save their children.

People can help the fight against pediatric cancer by purchasing a "Sydlet." Sydlets are bracelets, necklaces, and earrings created by Michelle Sims and her 9-year-old daughter Sydney Sims who has neuroblastoma (Stage IV). All of the jewelry is hand made with Swarovski crystals beads, and have a sterling silver cancer awareness charm on them. A portion of the proceeds from all sales is donated to various pediatric cancer foundations.

Dr. Kushner is on Corporate Angel Network's Advisory Board. Readers of our Summer 2007 Flight Lines may recall his recent letter in which he discussed encouraging new developments in the fight against this terrible illness: "In the current decade, we have ongoing clinical trials and it appears that ever more children are being cured. In fact, we have arrived at a point where we now expect to cure each and every child who comes to us soon after diagnosis." CAN joins with the Loneliest Road Campaign and Sydney Sims to spread awareness concerning pediatric cancer, and eventually finding a cure for all of the beautiful children who have been afflicted with this horrid disease.

PATIENT LETTER

September 21, 2007

Everyone at Corporate Angel Network,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the "angels" and the corporation that provided my husband and me with the much appreciated convenience and luxury of sharing your beautiful jet airplane that we experienced this past Monday & Tuesday. Our round trip between New York and Pittsburgh was made so pleasant and enjoyable at a time that we needed our spirits and physical comforts to be lifted.

I'd also like to thank you for the convenience and comfort of my return flight from New York on March 30th. After spending a month away from home after surgery, it was so very comfortable to have a flight home that was free of discomfort. May God Bless you all affiliated with such a wonderful organization!!

We can't really put into words what this opportunity has meant to both of us at this very difficult time that we are going through. I know my healing will be one step closer because of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,



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