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Greater Washington Aviation Open Raises Record Amount for Corporate Angel Network...Again

A record \$105,000 was raised for Corporate Angel Network at the 15th Annual Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO) golf and tennis tournament, held May 5th at the Indian Springs Country Club in Silver Spring, MD. The country's premier aviation charity event, and a major fund-raiser for Corporate Angel Network, once again drew a stellar crowd representing a broad range of aviation companies and professionals. Honorary Chairs for the tournament were Congressman Martin Sabo (D, MN) and Rudy de Leon, Senior Vice President for Washington, DC Operations, The Boeing Company.



Courtesy NBAA, Inc.

(r to l) GWAO Committee members Paul Bollinger and Pete West, NBAA, together with Randy Greene, Corporate Angel Network, display the gigantic check. They are backed by other Committee members (l to r) Jim Bennett, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; Jon Ash, Global Aviation Associates; Mary Miller, Signature Flight Support; and Jeff Lehman, OBN Aviation

An overcast, chilly day with scattered showers did little to dampen the enthusiasm displayed on the greens and courts. After rounds of rousing competition, the golf and tennis players, their fans and supporters, moved on to an elegant banquet dinner featuring a live auction.

Enticing "Flights of Fancy," including business-class travel packages to Europe and Asia, and first-class tickets and packages to

US destinations and resorts, were donated by domestic and international airlines. Corporate Angel Network participating corporations also donated items for auction. Bidding was spirited, with much good-natured ribbing—all with the goal of increasing the funds raised for Corporate Angel Network. At the close of the evening, Bonnie LeVar, Executive Director of Corporate Angel Network, was presented with a check that was gigantic in both size and amount.

"The aviation community's outstanding support for Corporate Angel Network is immensely gratifying to our volunteers and staff, who work so hard to arrange lifesaving flights for our cancer patients," said Mrs. LeVar. "The funds the industry raises for us through the GWAO are hugely important—even essential—to our ongoing success. The moral support provided makes a big difference, too. The affirmation that our



(l to r) CAN volunteers Betty Hanswirth and Anne Orum and GWAO Committee member Mary Miller, hard at work



Gabe Palacio Photography

Peter Fleiss of Corporate Angel Network accepts anonymous NetJets owner's gift of 75 flight hours from Charles R. Lynch, Vice President, NetJets

Aboard her NetJets flight home to Dallas, a sleepy Reya



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Stallman snoozes with her Corporate Angel Network teddy bear

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From the Executive Director

The first quarter of 2003 has been exceptionally busy for Corporate Angel Network. We continue to arrange flights at a record pace—180 in March, followed by 174 in April. We celebrated our 16,000th flight in February.

Other exciting news is the splendid gift of 75 hours of flight time donated to us by an anonymous NetJets fractional owner. You can read more about this gift and how much it has helped us to help our patients in the story on page 3. We're hopeful that other fractional owners will be inspired to emulate NetJets and give us 5, 10, or even more hours of their time, or offer an empty seat on one of their flights to help us get cancer patients to treatment.

Once again, the Greater Washington Area Open was a resounding success. Over the years, the GWAO has raised over \$700,000 for our program. A big THANK YOU to Paul Bollinger and the Tournament Committee for their tireless efforts and their dedication to Corporate Angel Network!

Bonnie LeVar

Flight Lines

Published quarterly by Corporate Angel Network, the national public charity that partners with over 500 U.S. corporations and fractional owners to use the empty seats aboard their aircraft to fly cancer patients free of charge to recognized treatment centers. 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, corporations, flight departments, and leading treatment facilities, a team of 60 part-time volunteers and six full-time staff arranges more than 1,500 flights a year.

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Limited Brands Receives Second Quarter Corporate Angel Award

The 2003 Second Quarter Corporate Angel Award honors Limited Brands and its flight department for their devoted and highly responsive service to cancer patients. Since joining in 1999, Limited Brands has been very active, transporting countless men, women and children to cancer treatment centers across the country. In 2002 alone, the company logged 52 such flights on its shuttle and executive aircraft.

Established in 2001 by ChevronTexaco and Business & Commercial Aviation (B/CA) magazine, the quarterly award honors corporations for outstanding dedication and service to cancer patients through participation in Corporate Angel Network.

ChevronTexaco, a longtime participant and loyal supporter, recognized Limited Brands with a full-page advertisement in the May issue of B/CA and \$5,000 worth of ChevronTexaco aviation fuel.

B/CA magazine, which donates its income from the advertisement to Corporate Angel Network, has served the business aviation community since 1958. "We've grown up with the turbine age, providing safety and operational information to corporate operators," said Publisher Gil Wolin. "The Corporate Angel Award enables us to take a more active role in supporting corporate aviation in serving the community at large."

Timothy P. Stehle, Director of

Flight Operations, acknowledged the award, saying, "On behalf of the entire Limited Brands Flight Department, I am honored and gratified to receive this recognition. We're happy to contribute to the success of such a great program."

Founded in 1963 by chairman and CEO Leslie H. Wexner with the opening of one women's apparel store in Columbus, Ohio, Limited Brands (NYSE: LTD) has grown to 4,000 specialty stores across the continental U.S. and now includes seven retail brands.

"Since becoming a participant, Limited Brands has provided an outstanding number of flights to



Photo by Paul Brou

The Limited Brands Flight Department

cancer patients and bone marrow donors needing specialized treatment," said Bonnie LeVar, Executive Director of Corporate Angel Network. "Their wholehearted involvement in our program embodies the commitment to community expressed by Mr. Wexner when he said, 'I believe companies like ours should be a source of good. For us. For our communities. For the world.' Limited Brands truly understands the value of corporate citizenship."

NetJets Fractional Owner's Anonymous Gift Touches Lives of Many CAN Patients

At the end of March, literally out of the blue, Corporate Angel Network received a wonderful gift from a NetJets fractional owner: 75 hours of free flight time. The donation, valued at \$270,000, was made anonymously, according to Charles R. Lynch, a NetJets Vice President.

"Corporate Angel Network's program is truly a special gift," Lynch said. "Our NetJets owner is happy to participate, realizing that donating flight hours is a tremendous opportunity to help cancer patients win their battle."

CAN volunteers and staff lost no time in putting these gift hours to work for patients with difficult-to-match travel needs. So far, we have arranged no fewer than 28 "patient flights" with NetJets. Frequently, the scheduling was extremely ingenious, meshing the needs of several different patients, sometimes from different parts of the country or with different destinations.

On the very first of these flights, we transported three patients from Dallas to New York and back. Loyd Zisk, a busy wife and mother with a full-time job was starting the same Memorial Sloan-Kettering (MSK) clinical trial to test a breast cancer



Liz Lockwood (r), CAN's Director of Volunteers, greets Loyd Zisk (center) and Diana Mosier (l)

antibody vaccine that her friend, CAN patient Karen Greene previously participated in (see "Unusual Angels..." article in last issue of Flight Lines) in. Diana Mosier was returning to New York Presbyterian for continuing treatment, and

4-year-old Reya Stallman, who traveled with her mother Amanda, was going to MSK and New York Hospital for a checkup. Reya, who was diagnosed with retinoblastoma as a five-month-old infant, has undergone extensive treatment and is now doing extremely well; she has made almost 50 flights with us.

A creative flight plan in early April enabled us to combine getting two-year-old Bryce Faber and his parents home to Phoenix from New York, and Kimberly Nagle, along with her husband and son, home to Chicago from Phoenix. Bryce was diagnosed with neuroblastoma on Christmas



Bryce Faber gets some help with his coloring from his mom Beth aboard NetJets flight to Phoenix

Eve, 2002, and is being treated by Dr. Brian Kushner at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. As with Bryce, the immunosuppressant effects of Kimberly's treatment at the Mayo Breast Clinic in Phoenix made commercial air travel impossible, and there were no CAN matches, so, again, our NetJets hours saved the day.

Tammy Nash, from Rienzi, MS (the town *not* named after General Sherman's famous horse, the only stuffed and mounted equine on permanent display in the Smithsonian) is fighting a relatively rare cancer known as von Hippel-Lindau or VHL. The genetic condition affects numerous members of her family, including her mother and daughter. Tammy, who has already undergone multiple brain surgeries, is enrolled in a new clinical trial with Dr. Dan George at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Corinth, MS, the nearest airport to Rienzi, is a difficult venue for a corporate match. Luckily, we were able to fly

Tammy to Boston on NetJets. When the time came for her to return home, we had a request pending for a flight from Boise to Boston, also not the most likely match. The patient, Drazenka Brekalo, is a refugee from Bosnia who speaks little English.



Her 15-year-old daughter Sanela, fluent in Croatian, German and English, makes all the arrangements for her mother's travel and treatment, and accompanies her when her school schedule permits. We were able to arrange for a NetJets flight originating in Boise to bring the Brekalos to Boston for Drazenka's treatment (also at Dana-Farber) and go on from there to take Tammy to Corinth.

A few days later, we put together a "leapfrog" flight on NetJets for two West Coast cancer patients who needed to come East for treatment. The flight originated early in the morning in Seattle, where Jeff and Kris Brauns boarded with their 4-year-old son, Brandon, who was going to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN for brain surgery and radiation. First stop was Sacramento, CA, where Adam Dannaker, who also has a brain tumor, and his wife Elizabeth boarded, bound for a consultation with Dr. Henry Friedman at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Next stop, Memphis where the Braunses deplaned in midafternoon. Final destination, Raleigh-Durham, was reached by the Dannakers at 8:00 pm. A long day for all concerned, but another CAN/NetJets collaboration was successfully concluded.

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industry colleagues are behind our program all the way is inspiring.”

The GWAO was established in 1989 by a group of aviation executives (one of whom, Jeff Lehman, is the cousin of Kay Schachter, a long-time Corporate Angel Network volunteer) as a means for aviation companies to support a worthy cause related to air transportation. The funds raised by the GWAO this year underwrite about 25% of our annual operating budget and are a major factor in our ongoing success.

New Corporations

Cherokee Aviation LLC
Columbus Management
First Data Corporation
Executive Charter Services
Gleacher and Company
Progress Energy
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
Trident Seafoods Corporation
Tyco Healthcare

New Members Join Our Advisory Board

Corporate Angel Network is pleased to welcome five new members to our Advisory Board. Each has had a significant effect on the success of our program, whether treating CAN patients, helping transport them to treatment, or developing and publicizing our message so that we can enroll more corporations as participants and help more patients.

Wayne M. Dodds, Director of Aviation, International Paper Company, is a longtime friend of Corporate Angel Network. Since International Paper joined us in 1983, the company has been one of our most stalwart supporters, with 212 CAN flights logged to date.

Brian H. Kushner, M.D., is a pediatric hematologist/oncologist and Attending Physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York; he specializes in the treatment of neuroblastoma in children. Dr. Kushner has treated numerous CAN patients, and kindly appeared in our recently updated video.

Robert W. Scott, President, French/Blitzer/Scott, LLC, has given us countless hours of his time and expertise, creating our advertising and collateral materials, and providing digital files as needed for our many pro bono ads in magazines such as Forbes, Fortune, Newsweek, Time, and People.

William J. Schultz, Director of Aircraft Operations, Corning, Inc., has helped us immeasurably by enabling us to put Corporate Angel Network patients on almost every Corning shuttle flight. Corning, which also joined us in 1983, has done over 2,500 CAN flights.

David J. Sugarbaker, M.D., is Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Chief, Department of Surgical Services, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in Boston. He is also Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgical Oncology, Harvard Medical School. Dana-Farber is one of our most requested centers, and we have flown many patients to Dr. Sugarbaker.



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