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20,000 Flights...and Counting

The motto of the US Postal Service is, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." It was paraphrased from the Greek historian Herodotus and today, some two thousand years later, no truer words can be offered in testimony to the staff, volunteers, and corporate participants of Corporate Angel Network (CAN).

On a frigid Monday morning in January, a day after the region was blanketed with more than a foot of snow, a crowd of one hundred people gathered at Westchester County Airport to celebrate CAN's 20,000th patient flight, undertaken by International Paper, which has been a CAN participant since



Amongst much fanfare, Walter Latimer boards the 20,000th CAN flight

1983. The arctic temperatures did little to cool the enthusiasm of the assembled crowd as International Paper's jet, in the course of a routine business trip, gave patient Walter Latimer a lift to his Florida home after he received a round of cancer treatment at New York City's Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital. As with all cancer patients, the flight enabled Mr. Latimer, who has flown with Corporate Angel Network for the past five years, to avoid the stress, cost and risk of disease associated for cancer patients with commercial flying while focusing on his recovery.

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Special Recognition for CAN Volunteer

When Corporate Angel Network's accomplishments on behalf of cancer patients are publicized, it is often remarked that it owes its success to a full-time staff of five as well as more than fifty enthusiastic and motivated volunteers. During the ceremony to mark the occasion of its 20,000th flight, CAN had the opportunity to salute one of those devoted volunteers, Sallie Williams. Ms. Williams volunteered to help CAN on the day it opened its doors in 1981, and contributed her time and effort for the next twenty-four years. Each time a corporation shared its aircraft with a cancer patient, Ms. Williams wrote a letter to thank the executive or lead passenger on every flight. As CAN's chief correspondent, she wrote twenty-thousand such letters, each one customized for the situation and expressing the heartfelt gratitude of everyone involved. Her professionalism and enthusiasm established a precedent for all future CAN correspondents, and she will be sorely missed by the staff and her co-volunteers.

On January 24, before a crowd of local politicians, former patients, volunteers and friends of CAN, Peter Fleiss, CAN's Associate Director, presented Ms. Williams with a beautiful Tiffany airplane keychain as a token of the staff's appreciation.



From the Executive Director

Not even a blizzard kept us from providing, and celebrating, our 20,000th flight! January 24, 2005 was proclaimed "Corporate Angel Network Day" by Westchester's County Executive, Andrew Spano, who attended the ceremony at International Paper's hangar in White Plains, New York.

On behalf of all our patients, I extend our sincere appreciation for the efforts of our staff, volunteers and CAN corporations. Each of our 20,000 flights was arranged one trip at a time and I know the effort, diligence, and care that made each flight possible.

The 17th Annual Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO), one of the largest aviation charity golf and tennis tournaments in the country, will be held on May 9, 2005. The GWAO has been a major fundraiser for Corporate Angel Network, raising more than \$800,000 over the past sixteen years, \$111,000 last year alone. This is a terrific event as those of you who have attended can attest. For new attendees, we look forward to meeting you at the beautiful Indian Spring Country Club in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Bonnie Le Var

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"This program offers an obvious and meaningful benefit to cancer patients along with the opportunity for companies with corporate aircraft to provide a wonderful community service by merging business activities with social responsibility," said Jennifer Boardman of International Paper. "We are thrilled to be part of this milestone event."

The event was hosted by Kendra Farn of NBC News, and on behalf of Sprint Corporation, a CAN partner since 1983, Ms. Farn presented CAN Executive Director Bonnie Le Var with 2,000 long distance phone cards to commemorate the occasion and demonstrate their continuing support. "Sprint recognizes that many of these patients have concerned loved ones at home waiting for news," said Ms. Farn, "and they are proud to extend their participation in CAN by helping patients call home while traveling for care."

Also on hand for the ceremony and historic flight was Amy Pastorella who first flew with CAN in 1985 when she was a toddler diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a malignant tumor which develops in the cells of the retina. A 2004 graduate of Niagara University, she is now pursuing a career in Public Relations. "Access to the best treatment centers saved my life," said Ms. Pastorella. "To me, these aren't just corporate angels, they were my guardian angels!" Joining Ms. Pastorella and Mr. Latimer at the International Paper hangar were Leonard Greene, Pat Blum and Jay Weinberg, the co-founders of Corporate Angel Network. In December of 1981, Mr. Greene flew the first CAN patient in his company airplane.

Twenty-four years later, Corporate Angel Network operates out of offices at Westchester County Airport that are graciously donated by local officials. With a paid staff of five along with fifty hard working and dedicated volunteers, CAN interacts with patients, physicians, corporate flight departments, and leading treatment centers to coordinate the travel needs of cancer patients with the business flight schedules of participating corporations. Currently, five hundred thirty major corporations recognize the benefits of merging business activity with social responsibility by their participation in Corporate Angel Network. They generously provide empty seats on their routine business flights to transport about 200 cancer patients a month to critical and often lifesaving treatment.

Local politicians, former patients, volunteers and friends of CAN joined in the celebration to commemorate this remarkable milestone in CAN's history. In honor of the occasion, Proclamations on behalf of CAN were issued by Congresswoman Nita Lowey and the Westchester Board of Legislators, and letters of recognition and appreciation came from Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton.

Although he was unable to attend, all agreed that Herodotus would have been proud.



CAN founders Pat Blum, Leonard Greene and Jay Weinburg gather for celebration

Congressional Proclamation

Honorable Nita M. Lowey

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor the Corporate Angel Network on the celebration of their 20,000th flight;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Angel Network is the only charitable organization in the United States exclusively partnering with corporations to ease the emotional stress, physical discomfort and financial burden of travel for cancer patients by arranging flights to treatment centers using empty seats on corporate aircraft;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Angel Network was founded in 1981, and through the generous cooperation of 500 of America's top corporations, the program can offer a vital community service by merging business activities with social responsibility;

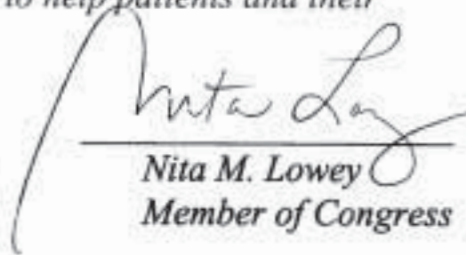
WHEREAS, the Corporate Angel Network allows patients to avoid crowds in air terminals and on aircraft, permits patients to bring an adult companion, and children to travel with both parents; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Angel Network works out of offices at Westchester County Airport with a team of 60 part-time volunteers and six paid staff, typically schedules about 200 flights per month, and works closely with the National Business Aviation Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Corporate Angel Network be recognized for their commitment to help patients and their families in their battle against cancer.

January 24, 2005




Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress

CAN's Holiday Card

Anyone fortunate enough to have received a Holiday Card from Corporate Angel Network this past year was surely impressed by its distinctive concept and graphic design: a teddy bear dressed in aviator garb atop a winged soda bottle with "CAN" emblazoned on the side. In a story worthy of Charles Dickens, the card was created by the third grade classes at Northeast Elementary School in Ithaca, New York, in honor of their teacher, Jim Dennis, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2003. Because of his condition, he would need to make numerous trips to New York City for treatment. Fortunately, Mr. Dennis met another cancer patient who informed him about Corporate Angel Network. Over the past year, he has been able to avoid the stress and expense of commercial flights by riding with a CAN participating corporation. When his students learned that Mr. Dennis would need to travel extensively for treatment, they undertook a group project to raise funds in honor of him. Every day for two weeks, under the guidance of three other third-grade teachers, the students collected bottles and cans and solicited donations on behalf of Mr. Dennis. In the end they were able to present CAN with a check for four hundred dollars as well as artwork that illustrated their unique concept of a child-friendly corporate jet. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this Holiday Card is easily worth a thousand smiles.



CAN patient and teacher James Dennis with student representatives presenting check to CAN



2005 CAN Holiday Card

The Year-Round Spirit Of Giving

During the course of the year, Corporate Angel Network is the appreciative beneficiary of donations and contributions from many individuals and corporations. This past Christmas, in the spirit of the holiday season, CAN was once again the recipient of Executive Fliteways' generosity in the form of \$1,000, donated on behalf of ten of its clients.

CAN was also happy to receive 10 hours of flight time donated during the holidays by Flight Options, Inc., on behalf of its fractional owners.

Staff and volunteers at CAN gratefully acknowledge these seasonal donations throughout the year. For CAN, donations of flight time or money has proven to be a Christmas gift that keeps on giving.



Peter Fleiss of CAN receiving donation from Mary Shey of Executive Fliteways at the Westchester County Airport holiday party

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Published by Corporate Angel Network, the national public charity 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, corporations, flight departments, and leading treatment facilities, a team of 60 part-time volunteers and six full-time staff arranges nearly 2,400 flights a year.

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Prestigious PR Firm Donates Services to CAN

Located in Washington DC, New York, and Baltimore, Stanton Communications, Inc. has generously offered to assist Corporate Angel Network with public outreach. Starting with the planning for our 20,000th flight ceremony, Deborah Radman and Eliza Sullivan solicited press coverage and guided us through the tasks involved in creating a successful public/media event. The results of their efforts speak for themselves: TV coverage on NBC, CBS and Westchester's Channel 12; radio coverage on CBS, ABC, and WFUV; and newspaper coverage by the

NY Daily News, The Journal News, the Greenwich Times and the Stamford Advocate, and broad coverage in the aviation industry press Stanton Communications also reached Senators Schumer and Clinton, who sent letters of recognition and Congresswoman Nita Lowey, who issued a congressional proclamation. We extend our sincere gratitude to Stanton for their outstanding generosity to Corporate Angel Network and look forward to working with them in the future.

Armstrong Flooring's First Flight Corporate Jet Flies Cancer Patient Home from Treatment Center

(Reprint from Armstrong online newsletter)

There were two very special guests on one of our Falcon jets yesterday, and they even got to fly free, thanks to Armstrong and the Corporate Angel Network.

Forty-year-old Denver Colo., residents Doug Sutton and his wife, Maria, were returning home after Doug underwent surgery for a rare form of intestinal cancer called Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (PMP) at St. Agnes Hospital, in Baltimore. Because traveling via commercial airline would expose Doug to microorganisms on crowded planes or in busy airline terminals, the hospital recommended the Suttons to the Corporate Angel Network.

Coincidentally, since becoming a member of the Network in 2002, Flight Ops has faxed Armstrong's flight schedule to the Network weekly. Volunteers working for the Network made the connection, and the Suttons were able to hitch a ride on a jet scheduled to return customers from Denver-based MacDonald Hardwood Flooring, who were more than happy to share their flight. The Suttons were Armstrong's first Angel Network passengers.

Our New Corporations

- Applera Corporation
- Aronson & Johnson & Ortiz
- Buena Suerte, LLC
- Cook Sales, Inc.
- Foremost Corporation of America
- Gaelic Air
- Klein Tools, Inc.
- Myler Companies
- Sanderson Company
- Setzer Wood, LLC
- Southeast Air Charter

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- ...On CBS EVENING NEWS?
- ...In NEW YORK DAILY NEWS?
- ...In STAMFORD ADVOCATE?
- ...In GREENWICH TIMES?
- ...On CBS-AM RADIO?
- ...On WESTCHESTER TV 12?



Letter From A Patient

Dear Corporate Angel Network,

I wasn't sure who to thank but I do want you to know that my recent free flight with my daughter from Charlotte to Houston with the Duke Energy employees was wonderful. They were all so welcoming and considerate. This is such a wonderful service, and I am so glad that I was able to be a recipient of it. So much money is spent on healthcare, travel food, and lodging. How nice to have some of the expenses lifted from my limited budget. Thank you and please let Duke Energy know of my sincere gratitude.

Sincerely,

Katherine Martin

Dispatchers And Schedulers Conference Draws Record Crowd In Reno

The NBAA's annual Dispatchers and Schedulers Conference was held in Reno, Nevada this past February and the event was attended by Corporate Angel Network's Vicki Blucher and volunteer Simma Chester. The event assembled nearly two thousand representatives from across the spectrum of the aviation industry, and it provided CAN with the opportunity to thank the many dispatchers, flight schedulers and FBO operators who helped us to increase average monthly patient flights for 2004 to more than two hundred.

The final day of the conference featured a Grand Prize Luncheon. While business cards were chosen at random by various exhibitors, a sharp-eyed observer might have noted that the majority of the prizes were won by corporations that participate in the Corporate Angel Network. This year's winners included employees of Allstate, Progress Energy, Dow Corning, Dow Chemical, International Paper, IMS, Textron-RI, Conoco Phillips, Motorola, Household Products, Baxter Health, Raytheon, NetJets and National City Corporation, all CAN participants. For the first time, Corporate Angel Network also sponsored a very special prize – a hand-made blanket and pillows donated by patient Helen Barry of Vero Beach, FL - which was won by Shalimar Diegel of Masco Corporation, another CAN participating company.

Participation in Corporate Angel Network is a win-win situation for all. While many gamblers have been known to leave Reno without their shirts, everyone who attended this year's Conference left with a warm heart and a resolve that this would be their best year yet.



Angie Bolander of Dow Chemical wins an NBAA raffle prize



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