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## PREMIER AVIATION CHARITY EVENT RAISES \$127,000 FOR CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK

The Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO) is one of the country's premier aviation charity events and a major fundraiser for Corporate Angel Network. The golf and tennis tournament, held on May 7, 2007 at the Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, Virginia, drew an impressive crowd of aviation professionals, government officials, and people from across the country and globe who came together to show their support for CAN. Heeding the call of this year's Honorary Chairman, Peter Bunce, president of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, the participants enthusiastically supported the live auction that featured "Flights of Fancy" around the world and resort accommodations donated by airlines and hotels. Corporate Angel Network participating corporations were well represented among

the donors and bidders, and the auction produced another record-setting amount for CAN. At the close of the evening, a check for \$127,000 was presented to CAN by the GWAO Board of Directors. This brings the total amount the GWAO has raised for CAN since its founding in 1989 to more than \$1.1 million. GWAO Tournament Director Paul Bollinger



Paul (Bo) Bollinger Jr., GWAO Tournament Director (left); GWAO Tournament Committee and CAN Officers (center); GWAO Honorary Chairman, Peter Bunce, President, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (right)

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## DON AND DEIRDRE IMUS PERFORM CAN'S FIRST "DOUBLE DROP-DOWN"

For more than twenty-five years, Corporate Angel Network has been committed to arranging free transportation for cancer patients traveling to recognized treatment centers around the country by using empty seats in business aircraft. NetJets fractional owners Don and Deirdre Imus often offer an empty seat to CAN patients on their trips to and from Teterboro Airport and the "Imus Ranch" northeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico. An authentic working cattle ranch, this charitable organization provides the experience of the great American cowboy to children suffering from cancer, serious blood disorders, and children who have lost brothers and sisters to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The Imus Ranch seeks to ensure the continuity of life for these children through performing chores and tasks as if they were cowboys, and by doing so, provide each child with an opportunity to gain self-confidence and build self-esteem.



Don and Deirdre Imus with their son Wyatt (standing) and six-year-old cancer patient John Sumrall (on couch)

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## From the President

**A** leukemia patient called yesterday to thank us for the flight we arranged for him last month from Michigan to Texas. He said he was also grateful for a flight that we provided for his sister so she could donate her bone marrow to him. "And by the way," he continued "I am now in complete remission!"

We hear stories like this more and more often – and we are so thankful to the corporations, fractional owners, and volunteers who make this possible. Last month, we flew a record-breaking 275 flights! On behalf of all our patients, I extend our sincere appreciation to them for their efforts.

Bonnie Le Var

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remarked, "Every year the support for CAN by the aviation community grows stronger and more vital. It is truly amazing."

Executive Director Peter Fleiss expressed the gratitude of CAN's staff and volunteers. "For 19 years the GWAO has supported our efforts through this terrific annual event. The funds raised are of vital importance to the life-prolonging services CAN provides. We can't thank the GWAO tournament committee enough for the many hours they spend behind the scenes, year after year, organizing this wonderful event."

The Greater Washington Aviation Open was established in 1989 by a group of aviation executives as a means for aviation companies to support a worthy cause related to air transportation while enjoying a day of sports and camaraderie. Thousands of people from around the world have participated in past tournaments. The funds raised this year will underwrite about 20% of CAN's annual operating budget.

Working with Tournament Director Paul Bollinger are tournament committee members Pete West, West Advocacy; Don Skiados, Airline Pilots Association International; Jeff Lehman, OBN Aviation; Jon Ash, InterVISTAS-ga2; Mary Miller, Signature Flight Support; Ed Hazelwood, Aviation Week Group; Paul Wiedefeld, Maryland Transportation Authority; and Tim Letzkus of Sullivan Hidgon & Sink.

## Don and Deirdre Imus...continued from page 1

In May the Imuses went the extra mile for three year old CAN patient Cooper Rieg and his mother. That was the day that Cooper, who had spent the past seventeen months receiving treatment at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, was finally ready to be released. The Imuses flew quite a bit out of their way to drop down in North Carolina and pick up young Cooper and then drop down again in Kansas City, Missouri where Cooper lives, before resuming their flight to New Mexico. In the process they performed the first double "drop-down" in CAN's history.

For their part, the Riegs were thrilled to meet such compassionate people and are deeply grateful for their assistance. "Life can be difficult for the parents of a special needs child, but the Imuses made Cooper and me feel so welcome and comfortable on their jet, it's hard for me to put it into words," said Shannon Reig. "I also have an eight-year old son, as do the Imuses, so we were able to compare notes on raising children. They were just so down-to-earth and comforting the whole time and my husband and I just can't thank them enough for their kindness."

The Imuses have participated in CAN since 2002. This was their third CAN flight this year. In March, while en route to New Mexico, they went out of their way to fly six-year-old CAN patient John Sumrall and his parents from New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to their home in Charlotte, North Carolina, and in April, while en route to New York City from New Mexico, they stopped in Stone Mountain, Georgia, to pick up another six-year-old CAN patient, Jabari Jones, along with his mother, for a trip to Memorial Sloan Kettering. Corporate Angel Network is extremely grateful for the Imuses' generosity to cancer patients and for demonstrating that not all angels are corporate. As for young Cooper Rieg, he's happily reacquainting himself with his family back home in Kansas City.

## HAWKER BEECHCRAFT DONATION

CAN is pleased to accept a \$50,000 donation from Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (formerly Raytheon Aircraft Company). The money was presented by Chairman and CEO Jim Schuster, who is also a CAN Board member. This brings Hawker Beechcraft's total CAN donations to more than \$150,000. "We are proud to be associated with such a remarkable and deserving organization," Schuster said, "and I am personally honored to work with so many great individuals who freely give their time to help cancer patients across the US."

## PATIENT LETTER

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to thank you so much for arranging my recent air transportation to Houston from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. I am a cancer patient and had to travel to M.D. Anderson for an examination and treatment plan.

My flight on the corporate plane was just wonderful. The pilots and flight attendants were so nice and treated us with so much respect.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to you and your people and the corporation for the service they provided. You are doing a wonderful thing for so many people in need. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Walter J. McHargue

## JACK PELTON AND JOHN ROSANVALLON JOIN CAN'S BOARD

Corporate Angel Network recently announced the election of two new members to its Board of Directors.

Jack Pelton, the Chairman and CEO of Cessna Aircraft Company, and John G. Rosanvallon, President and CEO of Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation joined Chairman Randall Greene, Paul Bollinger, Dave Hurley, Dick Koenig, Wilson Leach, Isabel Olcott and Jim Schuster in charting the future growth of CAN. Both Cessna Aircraft Company and Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation have been long-time Corporate Angel Network participants.



Jack Pelton, Chairman & CEO, Cessna Aircraft Company, John Rosanvallon, President & CEO, Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation



"I'm honored to be part of CAN's Board and serve with fellow members of the aviation community" said Pelton. "CAN is an excellent organization that provides much-needed transportation to some very worthy people. I look forward to being part of helping CAN continue to succeed in their charitable effort."

"Corporate Angel Network is a perfect example of what can be accomplished in this great industry when we work together for a common cause" said Rosanvallon. "Their compassion and devotion to people in need is inspiring."

## CAN RECOGNIZES WESTCHESTER COUNTY'S SUPPORT

In 1981, the newly-formed Corporate Angel Network arranged its first patient flight. Twenty-five years later, CAN celebrated its 25,000<sup>th</sup> flight. Shortly thereafter, CAN also celebrated the support of Westchester County, which has generously donated CAN's offices at Westchester County Airport for most of CAN's existence. Recognition was given to the County during the opening session of the National Business Aviation Association's Business Aviation Regional Forum held in April at Westchester County Airport. CAN presented a plaque to County Executive Andy Spano in appreciation of the county's long-time support of cancer patients through Corporate Angel Network.



(L to R) Wilson Leach, Managing Director, Aviation International News & CAN Board Member; Jeff Lee, Director Flight Operations, IBM & Co-Chairman, NBAA; Ed Bolen, President and CEO, NBAA, Andy Spano, Westchester County Executive; Peter Fleiss, Executive Director, Corporate Angel Network

"The support of Westchester County over the past 25 years has been instrumental in our ability to transport patients free of charge," said CAN Executive Director Peter Fleiss as he presented Spano with the plaque. "The generosity of Andy Spano, Westchester County, and the airport embody the nature of CAN and we greatly appreciate everything they do."

## RECIPES FROM THE HEART

Take one cup of compassion and blend it with two cups of caring; then add a dash of dedication, a soupcon of concern and a pinch of inspiration; let it set for a while and then publish it for charity. What have you got? "The Air Routing Agent Network Cookbook", a collection of more than 100 family recipes from 30 countries whose sales proceeds will go to benefit Corporate Angel Network. The book was the brainchild of Air Routing International (ARI), a company that handles corporate flight operations for domestic and international trips 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and was published in collaboration with Avitax Westchester and Rudy's Inflight Catering. The recipes were collected from ARI's clients and agents and include such meals as *Rabada* from Brazil – a stewed ox tail – and *Poulet au Vinaigre* from France – a vinegar chicken. Many of the recipes include family anecdotes and stories, such as ARI agent Lionel Cojan's description of Lyon, France as the home of many of the world's most renowned chefs.

*The Air Routing Agent Network Cookbook is priced at \$29.99 and may be purchased by contacting Kerry Borrosso of ARI Routing at (713) 430-7030 or by email at kerry.borrosso@argis.com.*

### 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 2,500 flights a year.

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## LETTER FROM DR. BRIAN KUSHNER OF MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING

**D**r. Brian J. Kushner of Memorial Sloane-Kettering in New York City is one of the foremost oncologists in the world and a specialist in neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor that affects a child's nervous system. The following is a letter written by Dr. Kushner to Corporate Angel Network: "At Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, I am part of a tight-knit group of doctors and other medical personnel specializing in neuroblastoma, which is a very challenging and even enigmatic entity. It mainly affects very young children, including newborns, and has usually spread (or metastasized) throughout the body by the time it is diagnosed. When we began our work in the late 1980s, the common metastatic form was incurable. My dream really was to cure one single child! Then, in the 1990s, we conducted a series of clinical trials, most notably with the 3F8 monoclonal antibody developed by my colleague Dr. Nai-Kong Cheung. 3F8 is an amazing agent: it harnesses the child's own immune system to attack the neuroblastoma. We began to see cures of more and more children. 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. Because of our novel therapies and because of the expertise of, for example, our surgical colleagues, patients from around the entire USA come to us.

We, of course, welcome families from all walks of life, from all regions of the USA, from all social strata. It can be a daunting experience to travel to NYC from far away, with a sick child – we are incredibly grateful to CAN for helping so many families and children. CAN really plays a critical role in giving children the best chance possible to survive their neuroblastoma.

Thank you for involving me in your fabulous enterprise and thank you for your continuing assistance!"



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