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WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

It is unknown who first coined the saying, "It's better to give than to receive," but whoever it was must surely have had Greg Cook, President of Makanda, Illinois-based Cook Sales, Inc., in mind. At this year's National Business Aviation Association Annual Meeting and Convention, Greg won the Corporate Angel Network benefit raffle sponsored by NBAA and FLYING magazine. The prize was a two-year lease on a Dodge Dakota pickup truck as well as a Bombardier, Sea-Doo RXT Watercraft. Instead of claiming his winnings, Greg generously decided to donate them to CAN. "When I bought the raffle ticket at NBAA, as I have for several years now," Greg said, "it was for one reason – to support this wonderful organization. I hope the savings provided will help CAN continue to grow and to help others." And helping others is something that Greg, who is also a licensed pilot, knows well: shortly after the NBAA Convention he flew cancer patient Wendy Brantley in his company aircraft home to New York from treatment in Dallas. Greg has more than a professional interest in his work with CAN. He himself is a cancer



Greg Cook with Wendy Brantley, a cancer patient and actor living in New York and receiving treatment in Dallas.

survivor, having been diagnosed with stage 2a Hodgkin's disease twenty-three years ago. If there's a special providence in the fall of a sparrow, as Shakespeare's Hamlet claimed, then there's a special providence in the flight of a corporate angel, and all of us at Corporate Angel Network are proud and gratified to be associated with Greg Cook and Cook Sales, Inc. For all he has given, and continues to give, he deserves to receive the deepest and most heartfelt thanks of all the staff and volunteers at CAN.

58th NBAA Convention—Bonanza for CAN

Last November, the National Business Aviation Association convened its 58th Annual Meeting and Convention. Held in Orlando, Florida, it attracted more than 30,000 attendees and approximately 1,400 exhibitors, including Corporate Angel Network.

A highlight of the festivities was the donation of \$20,000 to Corporate Angel Network as a result of the Corporate Angel Award program. This quarterly award recognizes Corporate Angel Network participating corporations and flight departments for their exceptional contributions to

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L to R: Ron Weight, Chief Pilot, Honeywell; Ed Bolin, President, NBAA; Peter Fleiss, Executive Director, Corporate Angel Network; Randall Greene, President & CEO, Safe Flight Instrument Corporation/Chairman, Corporate Angel Network; Jim Hollenbeck, Vice President Aviation, ConAgra; Ken Gazzola, Executive Vice President, McGraw Hill's Aviation Week Group; Mauricio Nicholls, General Manager General Aviation, Chevron Global Aviation; John Digby, President Chevron Global Aviation, Brent Lively, Manager of Aviation, Duke Energy; and Keith Sawyer, Manager of Brand and Business Development, Chevron Global Aviation.



From the President

2005 was quite a year! We've gained, we've lost, we've changed, and we've stayed the same. We said Goodbye to Liz and Kia and Hello to Darcy & Ali – Independence Air blessed us with their flights, and then succumbed to the woes of the economy. Good Housekeeping, Time, and other national publications ran our ad and helped boost the number of patients that we helped as well as increased our visibility. We welcomed a new crop of volunteers who are generating new energy and enthusiasm to add to our existing "veterans", without whom we wouldn't be about to celebrate our 25th YEAR! Katrina, Rita & Wilma—these weren't new friends—but we "weathered" them and got our patients in and out of Florida and Texas during the crises. We could go on but suffice to say, we want to thank everyone who helped out last year and send wishes for another healthy peaceful and joyous New Year!

THE STAFF

were comments such as: "Everyone at CAN is so nice and easy to deal with", "It's such a wonderful service you provide. Don't stop.", "What a great job your staff and volunteers do. We wish we could do more flights", "We love having a CAN patient on board."—and on and on.

To date, CAN has arranged more than 23,000 patient flights to national treatment centers. This year, CAN will celebrate its 25th anniversary and expects to celebrate its 25,000th patient flight.

cancer patients. Each flight department that receives this award is acknowledged with a full-page ad in Business & Commercial Aviation magazine and receipt of \$2,500 worth of Chevron aviation fuel. The ads are paid for by the co-sponsor companies, and Business & Commercial Aviation magazine donates the ads' net proceeds to Corporate Angel Network. This donation, which is actually from all four of the co-sponsor companies, represents the \$20,000 check given to CAN.

The check was received by Peter Fleiss, CAN's Executive Director, and was presented by Award co-sponsors Ken Gazzola, Executive VP, McGraw Hill's Aviation Week Group; Ed Bolin, President, NBAA; John Digby, President, Chevron Global Aviation; and Randall Greene, President & CEO, Safe Flight Instrument Corp. and also Chairman, CAN. Present at the ceremony were award-winning flight department representatives Jim Hollenbeck (VP Aviation, ConAgra), Ron Weight (Chief Pilot, Honeywell), and Brent Lively (Manager of Aviation, Duke Energy).

The Corporate Angel Award, presented quarterly, recognizes the corporate world's successful merger of business activity with social responsibility. Recipients in 2005 were ConAgra Foods, Wachovia Corporation, Honeywell and Duke Energy.

Other highlights of the convention included the donation of \$10,000 to CAN by Wal-Mart's Director of Aviation, Duane Futch; a donation of \$3,000 to CAN from the



L to R: Bill McShane, Vice Chairman LIBAA; Rob Marinace, Chairman LIBAA; Peter Fleiss, Executive Director, Corporate Angel Network; Tom Baird, President LI Chapter of PAMA; and Dominic Buffolino, VP LI Chapter of PAMA.

Long Island Business Aviation Association (proceeds from their golf outing); and FLYING magazine's annual raffle, which raised approximately \$30,000 for CAN. CAN also received a bonus this year when the winner of FLYING magazine's raffle, Greg Cook, donated his winnings to CAN (see accompanying story).

CAN's booth at the convention was manned this year by its Executive Director, Peter Fleiss, and his wife Rari, who appreciatively received a steady

stream of compliments from various corporate flight department personnel commending CAN on their professionalism and dedication to serving cancer patients. Typical

Upcoming 18th Greater Washington Aviation Open Promises to be Better than Ever

The Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO) is one of the country's premier aviation charity events and a major fundraiser for Corporate Angel Network. Planned and managed by an all-volunteer group of aviation executives, the GWAO was established in 1989 as a means for aviation companies to support a worthy cause related to air transportation while enjoying a day of golf, tennis and camaraderie. Each year it draws an impressive crowd of aviation professionals, congressmen and senators, other government officials, and people from across the country and globe who come together to enjoy this wonderful event and to show their support for Corporate Angel Network. Thousands of people have participated in past tournaments and numerous of companies have supported the event with product donations for the banquet auction and raffle, raising nearly \$1,000,000 for Corporate Angel Network. Last year's event produced a record \$115,000 for CAN. This year's event is being held at a beautiful new location and promises to be better than ever. It will be held on Monday, May 8, at the Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, Virginia, located in Virginia's rolling Hunt Country, less than an hour from the Nation's Capital. (The resort is 20 minutes from the Capital Beltway and just 15 minutes from Washington Dulles International Airport—IAD) An official registration form and related information can be found at <http://www.gwao.org/registration.htm>.

NASA Astronauts Soar with CAN!

Corporate Angel Network has a new group of supporters: US astronauts!

Last October, CAN volunteer and space memorabilia collector Tracy Kornfeld brought a pair of CAN bears to a Space Memorabilia Auction sponsored by Aurora Galleries in Bell Canyon, California. Tracy asked Victoria Campbell, the president of Aurora Galleries, if she could add the two CAN bears to the auction. Since the auction catalog had already been printed, Ms. Campbell offered to present the bears to attendees at the auction and on their live auction internet site. As luck would have it, Tracy had dinner that evening with Mercury, Gemini and Apollo astronaut Wally Schirra, who graciously autographed one of the bears. As further luck would have it, Ms. Campbell represents astronaut David Scott, who commanded on Apollo 15, walked on the moon and flew on Apollo 9 and Gemini 8. Reputed to be a "tough autograph," Mr. Scott was happy to sign the other bear, and the two bears brought CAN a total of \$1,100 at auction.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Tracy and Ms. Campbell immediately planned for the next Space Memorabilia Auction, which will be held on April 1-2, 2006 in Bell Canyon. To date we have bears autographed by Wally Schirra; Walter Cunningham, his crewmate on Apollo 7; as well as promises for signatures from David Scott, moonwalker Alan Bean of Apollo 12, Bean's crewmate Dick Gordon (who also flew on Gemini 11), and several other "to be announced" signatures. This time around these special CAN bears will be included in the auction catalog, which will be distributed worldwide in March 2006.

The 2006 auction represents one of the rare occasions when winners can receive an autographed item from an astronaut that is 100% tax deductible if the check is written to CAN. For more information, visit the Aurora Galleries web site at www.auroragalleriesonline.com. Call them at 866-928-7672 to register for the auction or contact Tracy Kornfeld via email at tracy@corpangelnetwork.org. You may have the chance to own a one-of-a-kind collectible signed by a participant of the golden age of space flight.



CAN volunteer Tracy Kornfeld with astronauts Walt Cunningham and Wally Schirra.

Sad Day for Independence Air

As anyone who follows the airline industry knows, this has been a trying time for commercial carriers. On January 5, Independence Air became a casualty of the current economic environment when, already in bankruptcy, it ceased all scheduled service. Independence Air, a Washington, D.C.-based carrier, was formerly a partner with both United and Delta Air Lines and originally operated under the name Atlantic Coast Airlines (ACA). In 2003, it began to operate independently and in April 2005 Independence contacted Corporate Angel Network and became a CAN participant. In the past eight months, Independence provided free transportation to 219 cancer patients who traveled to leading medical centers for critical and often life-saving treatments. In a letter to the Wall Street Journal, Bonnie Le Var, President of Corporate Angel Network, expressed the sentiments of all CAN staff and volunteers in acknowledging the singular contribution of this airline: "What made Independence Air different from other airlines was that it continued to offer available seats to cancer patients, even as it struggled to stay aloft." Such a record of commitment goes far beyond any profit and loss statement and will not be forgotten by Corporate Angel Network and the cancer patients they flew.

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, corporations, flight departments, and leading treatment facilities, a team of 50 part-time volunteers and five full-time staff arranges nearly 2,500 flights a year.

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A VOLUNTEER'S STORY

Patient Letters

Dear Corporate Angel Network,

We just wanted to thank you, once again, for arranging our flight to Seattle with Corporate Angel Network. It was such a help to us, not only financially, but in terms of lessening the stress of travel.

As we told you, the corporation and the flight crew couldn't have been nicer. We were treated like royalty and enjoyed every minute of it. Airline travel is nice, but it doesn't hold a candle to flying in a corporate jet! I know the "angel" in Corporate Angel Network refers to the Corporations, but I think that you're all angels as well, for the work that you do.

Most Sincerely,
Allyne and Jim Brumbaugh

Recalling one's past can be a painful or rewarding experience, depending on the circumstances. For me, a recent occasion proved to be the latter. Let me explain.

As a CAN scheduler for many years, I have had the opportunity to speak with many patients. Name recognition comes easily to me so it was no effort to connect a recent caller to my earlier career as a speech language pathologist in a local public school. The caller was a man who was seeking transportation with CAN for himself and his young daughter, who has eye cancer. As he spoke and as I read his paperwork, I realized that this man and his brother had once been elementary school students of mine. The father of our patient remembered me (always gratifying to an "old" teacher) and we shared some fond memories of days gone by. A corporate flight was arranged to a national treatment center, which spared my former student and his little girl the inconveniences of commercial air travel. Working with cancer patients always produces mixed emotions – compassion, determination, satisfaction – but this experience was particularly fulfilling for me since I was able to reconnect with an old student and aid a new patient at the same time.

Jay Samsky
Mt. Kisco, NY
CAN Volunteer since 1995



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