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Corporate Angel Carries 35,000th Patient

White Plains, NY -- Corporate Angel Network, the organization that arranges free flights to treatment for cancer patients in the empty seats of corporate aircraft, has transported its 35,000th patient. The first flight was flown in 1981.

The flight carried patient William Relyea, 16 months, along with his mother and his grandmother from Westchester County airport to his home in Syracuse, NY. William had been receiving treatment for Neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

The milestone flight was operated by NetJets, a fractional jet ownership company whose owners frequently donate flight time for transporting Corporate Angel patients.

Corporate Angel carried 307 patients in July, the largest number in any month since it began operations. These flights are performed by the 500 plus major corporations who participate in Corporate Angel's program and typically involve cross-country trips to and from major cancer treatment centers.

The charity has received numerous awards in recognition of its service to cancer patients including The Volunteer Action Award, the highest volunteer award from the President of the United States.

Photo Caption: Milestone Flight – William Relyea, 16-months, this week became the 35,000th patient served by Corporate Angel Network, the organization that arranges flights to treatment for cancer patients in the empty seats of corporate aircraft. William, who had been receiving treatment at Memorial

Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and his mother, Kristie were accompanied to the flight line by Dr. Wally Hirschberg, an oral surgeon who has served for 21 years as a volunteer for the charity.