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Newsletter

March 2012



Detroit PFK members delivered lots of smiles, Pillow Pets and other gifts to hospitalized children at three Detroit area facilities in December and January. These joyous faces are representative of the many happy children around the country thanks to the hard work of many, many PFK members who generously donated time and money to this worthy cause and to the Pillow Pets organization that donated over 6000 snuggly pets for the children to love!

SAVE THE DATE

PFK Dallas/Fort Worth Golf Tournament

(details on page 11)

Monday, May 21, 2012

PFK Orlando Golf Tournament

(details on page 12)

Saturday, October 6, 2012

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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

I once read that a well run charitable organization is operated just like a well run business. Sound advice, don't you think? Interesting, as that has been your board's guidance all along.

In keeping with that philosophy, and direction from our talented CPA, we introduced the acceptance of credit cards for donations last year. Fees for those donations were absorbed by the organization. In a couple of months, we will also be offering payment for dues via our web site with credit cards. Despite the fees involved, the conclusion was that the use of credit cards will lower our workload and expenses.

We would like to thank all those involved for last year's volunteer work, and improvements. Our organization gets better every year as a result!

My best,

Ed Faath
President, P.F.K.

CITY: Point Pleasant, NJ

COORDINATOR: Rod Biggs

PARTICIPANTS: American, USAF and UPS

Lots of smiles were evident as Coordinator Rod Biggs and his happy group of volunteers visited young patients during their annual visit to Jersey Shore Medical Center. They handed out Pillow Pets and lots of other welcome gifts during their annual hospital visit. Mrs. Claus and Captain Baldy were there for an enjoyable visit as well. They were able to brighten the day for the young patients and their families.



CITY: RDU/Raleigh/Durham, NC

COORDINATOR: Kenneth Worsham

PARTICIPANTS: Delta

The RDU area pilots made their 3rd annual visit to WakeMed Children's Hospital. They were able to visit with over 25 kids in the pediatric and pediatric intensive care units. Each child received toys, dolls, posters, wings, bracelets and books. The volunteers also made a second round, this time delivering pizza which was a big hit, especially with the parents. A great time was had by all and the group looks forward to future visits.

Above, PFK volunteers in Point Pleasant, NJ visited patients at Jersey Shore Medical Center.

Inset photo (above) shows Nolan Biggs (son of PFK coordinator Rod Biggs) at age 2, then a very sick patient at Jersey Shore. Nolan is now 14 and participates with his family at each annual visit. That's inspiration!!!

Above, left, RDU PFK volunteers visited over 25 youngsters at WakeMed Children's Hospital bringing gifts and smiles to all.

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Above and below (right), DTW volunteers enjoyed holiday visits at three Michigan venues, LACASA, a family abuse shelter, Beaumont Hospital's Barnum Rehabilitation Center and the new Mott Children's Hospital. Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance, along with Captain Baldy!

CITY: DTW/Detroit, MI

COORDINATOR: Jim Breaugh

PARTICIPANTS: Delta

In Detroit, on the 7th of December, Pilot's for Kids started their 2011 visits with two holiday parties. The first visit was with LACASA, a spousal and family abuse shelter in Howell Michigan. LACASA provides counseling for children and their families in Livingston County. The group took part in their holiday party and showed up with 14 Delta pilots and a special guest appearance of Captain Baldy. During their visit, they met over 70 kids and their families, talking and passing out gifts. The kids also got an opportunity to sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Pillow pets were a big success along with Captain Baldy dolls, foam airplanes, PFK t-shirts, and a bunch of neat things the kids could play with. The PFK volunteers left the party with smiles on all the children's faces and a new group of friends anxious to look into the airplanes' cockpit door next time they visit the Detroit airport.

The following day, PFK members participated in Beaumont Hospital's Barnum Rehabilitation Center holiday party. PFK has been at part of the center's holiday party for many years and they always look forward to the "Delta PFK Pilots" being a part of their holiday party. Through the years this PFK group has met many new friends and seen the progress the Beaumont staff has had with the children involved with

their rehabilitation center. The hugs and smiles throughout the years have been priceless and enhances the holiday season for all of the volunteers.

This year PFK volunteers held the party in a hall near the hospital and had a huge turnout. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there, along with Captain Baldy who once again flew in for the occasion. Fifteen PFK pilots in attendance mingled and passed out gifts for all the kids. There were over 130 kids and their families enjoying the good time. All of the youngsters were very excited to see the wonderful Pillow Pets that were included for each one of them. The pilot group brought craft projects including a great ornament project provided by one of the pilots. Captain Baldy was seen dancing and having fun with the kids as well as parents. He really can shake his tail feathers! In addition to the Pillow Pet, youngsters also received foam airplanes, yo-yos, cockpit posters, Captain Baldy dolls, flashing ornament pens, stuffed dogs, and PFK t-shirts. To top off the visit, one of the pilots brought his photography equipment and took family pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The DTW group finished their holiday season with a January visit to the University of Michigan's brand NEW Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Helping to bring smiles to kids during a difficult time in their lives is such a rewarding thing to do for this great group of volunteers.



In Memory of the Perry Family and Passengers

Thanksgiving turned tragic for three Arizona families when the small plane they were flying hit a mile-high mountain east of Phoenix and exploded, killing the six people onboard, including the pilot and his three young children. Those who perished were the pilot, Shawn Perry and his three children, Morgan (age 9), Logan (age 8) and Luke Perry (age 6), along with the other pilot, Russell Hardy and the mechanic, Joseph Hardwick. Mr. Perry and Mr. Hardy were business partners who co-owned a small aviation business in Safford, Arizona.

Pilots for Kids would like to express our sincere condolences to Karen Perry of Gold Canyon, Arizona, the mother of the three children, along with the Hardy and Hardwick families. We are saddened by such a tragic loss.

CITY: IND/Indianapolis, IN

COORDINATOR: Dan Ferracciolo

PARTICIPANTS: FedEx, Delta, Republic Airways Holdings, Southwest, and US Airways

This year, through their five visitations, Indy PFK touched the lives of 174 impoverished children at the two campuses of St. Mary's and 151 hospitalized children at the three local area children's hospitals. 325 young people's lives affected in a positive way, even if just for a moment, by volunteers' efforts, time, donations and hearts. Suffice it to say this is one more group that truly made a difference.

December 9th, Indy PFK members visited Riley Children's Hospital in downtown Indianapolis. PFK volunteers manned five craft stations provided by the Child Life staff in the atrium of the hospital and set up a sixth station dedicated solely to the manufacture, assembly, and flight testing of aircraft...balsa wood gliders (lots of recurrent line maintenance too). PFK members passed out sixty gift bags to children who were healthy enough to visit the atrium, and handed

out gift cards, posters, books, stuffed animals, coloring books and aviation related toys to 40 additional kids during room to room visits. During this event, more than any of the other four IND events, the pilot members are joined by fellow airline colleagues. flight attendants, maintainers, ramp agents, gate agents...all contributing their time, energy, money and effort to help facilitate this amazing event. December 12th, Indy PFK visited Riley North in Carmel, presenting gifts to 26 kids while spending time with them and their families during room to room visitation. Eight gift bags were left in anticipation of the arrival of youngsters who were checking into the hospital later that day. Since many of these children are in oncology, literally battling for their lives, the PFK group was pleased to have the opportunity to make them laugh and provide a distraction, just for a moment, from that battle. Twelve volunteer pilots delivered on PFK's promise of providing holiday cheer and some much needed distraction for 25 more hospitalized kids at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in Indianapolis on December 14th. The group handed out gift bags, stuffed animals and posters in traditional room to room visits while visiting some of our area's most medically challenged kids. December 21st, IND PFK concluded their visitation season's events by attending the morning and afternoon classroom sessions of St. Mary's Child Center's downtown campus. Eight pilots and some of their family members read books, told stories, taught "ground-school" and provided "flying" lessons to 42 kids. Afterward, each child received a pillow pet, coloring books, crayons, wings, stickers, posters and pencils. To many of these kids, their pillow pet from PFK will be the memorable gift they receive this Christmas season.



Above and far right, IND PFK volunteers participated in five visitations and brightened the holidays for over 300 children. Congrats to all on a job well done!

Indianapolis PFK Coordinator, Dan Ferracciolo, passed on the following experience from this season's holiday preparations...

“August 29th, this year: I backed my Chevy Avalanche up one of dozens of loading ramps designed to accommodate semi trucks at a massive multi-story Plainfield, Indiana airport warehouse. I had just gotten in from a trip so I was still in my pilot uniform when I jumped out of my “truck” and met a rather large, swarthy looking, gray haired, heavily tattooed fella at the top of the ramp who was still sitting atop his fork lift. He shook his head and took the half smoked cigarette out of his mouth and flicked it on to the concrete floor. Without introduction he said: “What, are you *^%\$#@* kidding me....you expect me to get this, (pointing to the skid of boxes), in that, (pointing to my Avalanche)?” So began my relationship with Harold. (I could not make this up if I tried) After explaining to me that a Chevy Avalanche is a complete waste of sheet metal...(what are those little girly purse compartments on the side for, anyway?) and that if I had a “real” truck we might have a chance of getting all of these boxes to fit...he finally asked me what was in the boxes. “Pillow Pets,” I replied. “Pillow Pets,” Harold exclaimed, “my grand-daughter loves those things.” My impression of Harold was evolving. Dogs, bumble bees, ladybugs and unicorns...all 120 of them....we got them in. Driving home I could not see out of any window other than the front windscreen...but we got them all. Once Harold learned that all of the pillow pets were to be donated to under privileged or hospitalized children, he became an Avalanche packing mad man...the old softy.”

“The Pillow Pet story: DFW PFK Coordinator John Elsey approached the Pillow Pet company with a request for 500 Pillow Pets at a discounted price for DFW PFK. Pillow Pets founder Jennifer Telfer and her associates considered John's request and decided to “check out” PFK and the work it does for children nationwide. Ms. Telfer and company denied John's original request and instead elected to donate an entire semi truck load of pillow pets to PFK at no cost. That's 6,240 of the lovable little creatures...and our share at Indy PFK is 120. All we had to pay was shipping from Dallas. Every child we visit at St Mary's this year will receive a Pillow Pet from Indy PFK.”



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CITY: MKE/Milwaukee, WI

COORDINATOR: Brandon Vondrak

PARTICIPANTS: Landmark Aviation, Rockwell Automation, Republic, Chautauqua

The Milwaukee area Pilots for Kids group had two events this year on December 14, 2011. The group began by hosting their 3rd annual pizza party and gift giving event for Walker's Point which manages two teen homeless shelters. Their "Transitional Living Program (TLP) Youth Home" provides transient or homeless youth with a home environment as well as various other services which are aimed to prepare the youth for independent living. The second shelter is a "Teen Crisis Program" which provides a home and counseling to teens. Forty people attended the event. Each teen received a gift bag filled with candy and a \$20 gift card to Target. In addition, they received a Crockpot and much needed hair dryers. A good time was had by all and the youth were very thankful for the gifts provided by PFK.

The second event was at the Sojourner Truth House which is a domestic violence shelter that provides a secure environment from violence for women and children. This was the "Pillow Pet" event. There were twenty-five kids at the shelter and each received a Pillow Pet. When the volunteers entered the gathering room, the kids screamed "PILLOW PETS!" The experience was truly moving and the joy and appreciation from the women and children was overwhelming. Although a short question and answer session was held, the kids had more fun walking around with their Pillow Pets, many of which were bigger than the kids!



Above, MSP volunteers provided gifts to nearly 80 children and staff at two Minneapolis area shelters. MKE volunteers (left) participated in two events during the holiday season bringing joy to many less fortunate young people.

The Pillow Pets donated by the Pillow Pets organization were a huge hit in both cities.

CITY: MSP/Minneapolis, MN
COORDINATOR: Stephanie Laidlaw
PARTICIPANTS: Delta

The Minneapolis PFK group held their annual event, a pizza party/game afternoon with the children at St. Joseph's Home for Children on January 18, 2012. St. Joseph's is a shelter and safe house for neglected and abused children in Minneapolis. There were 14 volunteers (pilots, flight attendants and other family members) from Delta, who helped entertain that afternoon, play games and crafts and serve pizza. PFK provided gifts to nearly 80 children and staff at the Home, and also for Hope Street, an after-hours homeless shelter for young adults. The highlight this year was the presentation of those generously donated, cuddly Pillow Pets to the children! A great time was had by all in attendance.



Above, Joshua and his mother visit with PFK pilots at Hughes Spalding Hospital in ATL. Their appreciation made it a very special day for this pilot group!

Below, right, an enthusiastic group of ATL PFK members visited Scottish Rite Children's Hospital on February 21st.

Hi Mark (MCO Coordinator Mark Plussa):

I just want to thank you for your organizations visit to the Arnold Palmer Hospital today. My 5 year old son, Christopher R. Harvey, was thrilled to see you guys! He had his picture taken too. It is very special work that you do and it really does make a difference in the life of a sick child. I simply can't thank you enough.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Christopher Harvey

CITY: ATL/Atlanta, GA
COORDINATOR: Steve Stubbs
PARTICIPANTS: Delta

Seven PFK pilots attended the January 24th visit to Hughes Spalding Hospital in Atlanta. During the visit, the group handed out 87 toys to some very appreciative children. However, for coordinator, Steve Stubbs, the most rewarding interaction came before the group even started visiting the hospital rooms. He provided the following recap...

"While we were in the lobby, a young mother came up to us, with tears in her eyes, and told us we had visited her son, Joshua, on a PFK visit last year. At the time, he had been going through a difficult and lengthy hospital stay. Our visit really made his day, she said, and it was all he could talk about for weeks. She went on to tell us that our visits really do make a difference and that she couldn't thank us enough. Many of you have either contributed to PFK or have donated your time for a visit. This young mother's comments to me are also a sincere thanks to you for making our visits possible."

A dozen pilots (including three attending for the first time) also visited Scottish Rite Children's Hospital on February 21st, handing out gifts to a total of 115 children. Among the young ladies visited, the overwhelming gift choice was a stuffed animal, with the giraffe being quite popular. Boys mostly went for the handheld video game; top picks were "20 Questions" and "Battleship". The group plans to continue periodic visits throughout the year.



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Above and right, Continental and ExpressJet PFK volunteers visited hospitalized children in Houston, TX. A jovial Santa Claus was also able to attend, bringing smiles to everyone as he and the volunteers handed out Pillow Pets and other wonderful presents.



CITY: IAH/Houston, TX
COORDINATOR: Ofelia Carrasco
PARTICIPANTS: Continental and ExpressJet

Continental and ExpressJet pilots continue a long-standing holiday tradition, sharing their time, money, and hearts to bring cheer and toys to hospitalized children and their families. During the past 17 years, many Continental and ExpressJet pilots have volunteered their time to Pilots for Kids, making visits in cities across the country. Untold numbers have generously donated money to fund the purchase of plush toys that are given to these children during the visits. In addition to the Houston event on December 6, 2011, visits were made in Cleveland, Ohio, and Bridgeport, Conn.



CITY: MCO/Orlando, FL
COORDINATOR: Mark Plussa
PARTICIPANTS: SWA, NWA/Delta, UPS, ABX Air

This was another great year for PFK in the Orlando area. The dedicated group of volunteers started their annual toy distribution on December 6th, first with some fellowship over breakfast which the group always enjoys. Members then divided into small groups, each visiting different locations. This year, volunteers visited Florida Children's Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital and dropped off a donation to the Russell Home for Atypical Children. All together they distributed 200 toys.



This young patient in an Orlando hospital enjoyed his PFK visit from local pilots bearing holiday gifts.

Giving from the Heart
PFK

P i l o t s F o r K i d s O r g a n i z a t i o n

CITY: ANC/Anchorage, AK

COORDINATOR: Christopher and Amy Carman

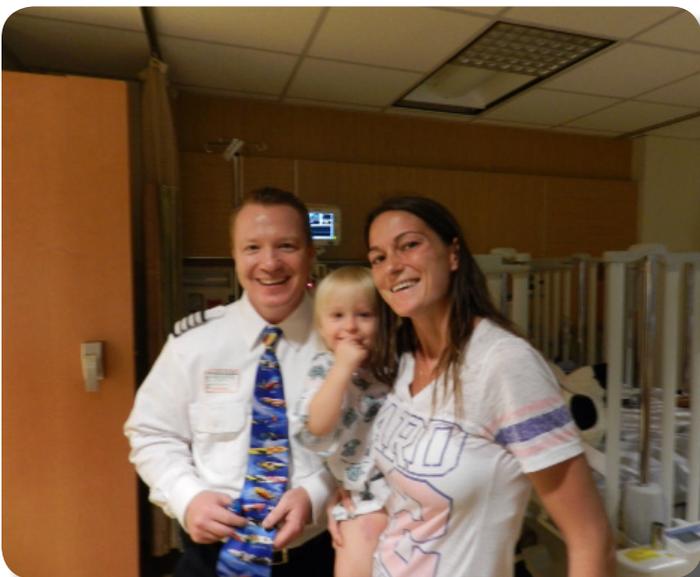
PARTICIPANTS: FedEx

Tuesday, December 20th, Anchorage Federal Express pilots and spouses attended the 2011 Pilots for Kids hospital visits at Providence Alaska Medical Center and Alaska Native Medical Center. In addition, gifts were purchased for children currently staying at Clare House, an emergency shelter for women and children. Santa passed out candy canes, chocolate Santa's and over 140 toys to children as well as gift bags to their parents.



Above, Santa and a dedicated group of PFK FedEx pilots visited hospitalized children at two area hospitals in ANC delivering toys to the children and gift bags to their parents.

Below, MCO pilots visited two local hospitals and a group home distributing gifts and holiday cheer.



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CITY: PHX/Phoenix, AZ
COORDINATOR: Win Copeland
PARTICIPANTS:

Pilots for Kids volunteers made their annual visit to the Phoenix Children's Hospital on December 19, 2011. There were about 250 children in the hospital for the visit. Unfortunately, many were in isolation so pilots could not make personal contact with them. The group split into teams and visited all floors, seeing as many young patients as possible. Not only did the group bring plush animals and toys to the hospital, they also brought many of the things that the hospital had on it's "wish list" for the Child Life Department. This year one of the PFK pilots donated a Piper Cub metal wall sign for the teen playroom. As a memento for the older children, captain Steve Gay, an accomplished photographer, donated one hundred prints of a couple of photos he had recently taken. Coordinator, Win Copeland, reflected the sentiments of the entire PFK organization...

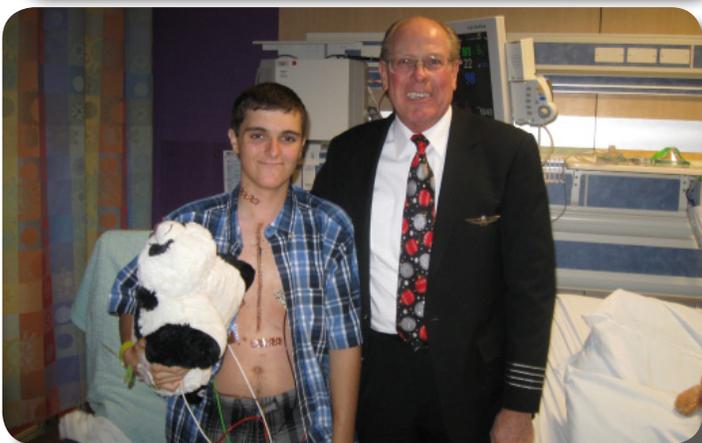
"Please extend our thanks to the Pillow Pet Company for making this a very special visit this year."



CITY: LAS/Las Vegas, NV
COORDINATOR: Gary R. Dolson
PARTICIPANTS: USAF, United and Delta



Several PFK volunteers visited with about 35 kids at UMC Children's Hospital in Las Vegas on Dec. 5th. They handed out Pillow Pets, airplane posters, hair and body lotions, coloring books, snap together airplane models, Barbie dolls and stockings filled with candy canes, PFK bracelets and Uno cards. The Pillow Pets were a big hit with the kids along with the Barbie dolls and airplane kits. Coordinator, Gary Dolson, actually did a channel 5 News interview that was broadcast on the 5:00 p.m. and the 6 a.m. newscasts, giving PFK some recognition in Las Vegas. During the interview, Gary explained what PFK was all about and how it began in 1983. He expressed the feelings of many PFK volunteers when he added, "Of course we get just as much out these visits as the children do if not more. It's so nice to bring a smile and a little cheer into their lives when they are going through so much."



Left, PFK volunteers in PHX visited about 250 children at Phoenix Children's Hospital.



New Venue!
Cowboys
Golf Course
Grapevine, TX



10th Annual Pilots for Kids Golf Tournament

Presented by Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of PFK



Monday, May 21, 2012

- 10:30 a.m. Registration
- 12 noon Welcome Buffet Lunch and Kick-off
Sponsored by American Airlines Credit Union
- 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Post-Tourney Awards Dinner Buffet & Live Auction
Sponsored by Colleen Barrett, Southwest Airlines



Sponsorships Available

\$250 per Player
 Register by contacting John Elsey,
 Tournament Coordinator
 Email: aa737cap@yahoo.com
 Phone: 817-455-0669





Pilots for Kids
 Orlando
 1st Annual Golf Tournament
 Saturday, October 6, 2012
 Rio Pinar Country Club



"Play the Links that Challenged Palmer, Nicklaus and Trevino!"



11:00 a.m. Registration
 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
 Awards Dinner Buffet and Silent Auction
 to follow (spouses welcome at dinner buffet)

Proceeds benefit hospitalized children in 3 Orlando area hospitals and the Russell Home for Atypical Children



Sponsorships Available

\$125 per Player

Register by contacting Ed Faath,
Tournament Coordinator

Email: efaath@earthlink.net

Phone: (407) 791-3790



Welcome New DFK Members

Christopher Allen	Air Wisconsin	Scott & Jennifer Haller	Delta Air Lines
Amy Allen	Fedex Express	Patrick & Sandra Halligan	Delta Air Lines
Bruce Anderson	Delta Air Lines	Brian and Barb Hamilton	Delta Air Lines
Dean Armstrong	Delta Air Lines	Piper Hammond	Express Jet
Thomas Balzer	Express Jet	Chris Hammond	Express Jet
Shawn Barr	Delta Airlines	Robert Hardcopf	Delta Air Lines
Kyle & Diane Bartels	Delta Air Lines	Pat & Mary Harney	Delta Air Lines
Kristian Bassolino	Expressjet Airlines	Gary & Carolyn Harris	Delta Air Lines
John Battagliola	Delta Air Lines	Tom & Kris Hartley	Delta Air Lines
Michael Beard	Delta Air Lines	William Heagy	Federal Express
Sandy & Yoram Ben-Hanania	Delta Air Lines	Kevin & Jeannie Heine	Delta Air Lines
Franklin Hugh Bernard	Delta Air Lines	Jay & Jeanne Henry	Delta Air Lines
Gregory Berry	Delta Air Lines	Richard & Rosann Hess	Delta Air Lines
Drew & Doreen Bondy	Delta Air Lines	Robert Bob Hibbs	Delta Airlines
Lee Brandt	Delta Air Lines	David Himes	Delta Air Lines
Robert Brinker	Delta Air Lines	Kevin & Denise Hines	Delta Air Lines
Ed Brodhurst	Delta Air Lines	Kevin Hixson	Delta Air Lines
Ryan Brown	Express Jet	Timothy Hoffman	Delta Air Lines
Bruce & Susan Buck	Delta Air Lines	Joe & Angela Holloman	Delta Air Lines
Edward & Kristin Bury	Delta Air Lines	Brett Holtz	Delta Air Lines
Robert Callen	Delta Air Lines	Dave Horne	Great Lakes Airlines
John Campbell	Delta Air Lines	Darrell & Elaine Houmes	Delta Air Lines
Brad Chesson	Delta Air Lines	Steven Huber	Delta Air Lines
Matthew Clark	Delta Airlines	David & Mary Huey	Delta Air Lines
Clinton & Michelle Cole	Delta Air Lines	Mark & Julie Hunt	Delta Air Lines
Bruce Conard	Delta Air Lines	James & Julia Immel	Delta Air Lines
Daniel & Yvonne Coogan		William & Donna Ittner	Delta Air Lines
Michael Cooper	Delta Air Lines	Arvin Johnsen	Delta Air Lines
Richard Corzine	Delta Air Lines	Lisa Johnson	Delta Air Lines
Joseph & Kim Craven	Delta Air Lines	Christopher Jones	Med Center Air Ambulance
Bree Curtis		Jeffrey Joslin	Delta Air Lines
Glenn Davidson	JetBlue	John Kasper	Delta Air Lines
Craig Davis	Delta Air Lines	John Kauza	Delta Air Lines
Charles Dawson	Delta Air Lines	Steven Kelsey	Delta Airlines
Christina L. De Auer	Delta Air Lines	Joel Kennerknecht	Pinnacle
Steven Deck	Delta Air Lines	Paul Kerwien	Delta Air Lines
W. Booth Devitt	Delta Air Lines	David W. King	Delta Air Lines
Michelle Dietz	Delta Air Lines	R. Wade & Karen Kivette	Delta Air Lines
Gordon Dona	Delta Air Lines	LTC Richard Kohl	Delta Air Lines
LCDR John Dormer	Delta Air Lines	Robert & Theresa Larwood	Delta Air Lines
Paul & Eileen Dosch	Delta Air Lines	Samuel Lee	Delta Air Lines
Robert Doyle Jr.	Delta Air Lines	Lance Levien Sr.	Delta Air Lines
Timothy Ebbinghouse	Delta Air Lines	Delwyn Lewis	Delta Air Lines
Carlos & Susan Emmons	Delta Air Lines	Thomas & Kitty Lindee	Delta Air Lines
C.J. Engel	Delta Air Lines	David Lindroth	Delta Air Lines
Lawrence Finnegan	Delta Air Lines	Frank & Mary Litaker	Delta Air Lines
William & Hilary Fisher	Delta Air Lines	J. L. Littrell	Delta Air Lines
Guy Gallucci	Delta Air Lines	John London	Delta Air Lines
James Garrett	Delta Air Lines	John & Suszann Magner	Delta Air Lines
Mark Gilzean	Delta Air Lines	David Main	Delta Airlines
Channing Gove	Delta Air Lines	James Mandell	Delta Air Lines
James Gutmann	Delta Air Lines	Steve Manning	Delta Air Lines
Travis & Liz Haas	Delta Air Lines	John & Robin Marple	Delta Air Lines
David Hadley	Republic Airways	Phil Marshall	Delta Air Lines
Joseph Haggerty	Delta Air Lines	Mike McCray	Delta Air Lines
		Stewart & Susan McGlynn	Delta Air Lines
		Matthew McKee	Delta Air Lines

Welcome More New PFK Members

Capt. John McKenna	US Airways	Mark & Susan Shanahan	Delta Air Lines
Thomas TJ McMurray	Pinnacle Airlines	Kenneth & Pamela Sharpe	Delta Air Lines
Lynn & Sharon Melin	Delta Air Lines	Ryne Shirley	Delta Airlines
David & Shirley Merriwether	Delta Air Lines	Donna Smith	United
Michael Miller	Delta Airlines	Mike & Vicky Smothermon	Delta Air Lines
Don & Melinda Miller	Delta Air Lines	Milt Spangler	Delta Air Lines
Larry & Doshia Mittelman	Delta Air Lines	Craig Stack	Delta Airlines
Mark Montgomery	Delta Air Lines	Charles Stanley	American Airlines
Kenneth Morris	Delta Air Lines	Tim & Amy Stepan	Delta Air Lines
Joseph Mosteller	Delta Airlines	Eugene & Terri Stitt	Delta Air Lines
Sarah Mulready	Delta Air Lines	Danny Stoor	Delta Air Lines
Afamia & Steven Murray	Delta Air Lines	Brian & Jenny Stopher	Delta Air Lines
James Myers	Delta Air Lines	Kurt Syer	Delta Air Lines
James Nelson	Delta Air Lines	James Tarr	Delta Air Lines
Gregory Novotny	Delta Air Lines	Jay & Martha Taylor	Delta Air Lines
John & Sabine Nunez	Delta Air Lines	David Thomas	Delta Air Lines
Blaine Ogilvie	Delta Air Lines	Robert G. Thompson	Delta Air Lines
Kai Ogston	unk	David Thompson	Delta Air Lines
Mark Pass	CNH America	Steven Tidler	Delta Air Lines
Arthur & Mary Patek	Compass Airlines	Tom Timberlake	Delta Air Lines
Kenneth Peck	Delta Air Lines	Thomas & Lisa Tingley	Delta Air Lines
Robert Perry	Delta Air Lines	Keith Tully	Express Jet
Paul Pisanko	Delta Air Lines	Dennis Vance	Delta Air Lines
Lee Pitts	Delta Air Lines	Daniel & Carolyn Vician	Delta Air Lines
Jeff Powell	Delta Air Lines	Caesar Michael Violano	Delta Airlines
Stephen Radican	United Airlines	William Virata	Delta Air Lines
Nick Ralston	Delta Air Lines	Robert Wagner	Delta Air Lines
Lawrence Rehr	Delta Airlines	Frank & Mary Weaver	Delta Air Lines
Cameron Renter	Delta Air Lines	Daniel Weber	Delta Airlines
John Paul & Evelyn Restaino	Delta Air Lines	Randy & Jody Whitaker	Delta Air Lines
Alisa Marie Revou	Delta Air Lines	Steven & Kristen Whiteley	Delta Air Lines
Michael and Wendy Rixon	Delta Air Lines	Paul & Angela Wilder	Delta Air Lines
Jonathan Richman	Express Jet	Griffin Williams	Delta Air Lines
Michael Richman	Delta Airlines	Tom & Nancy Wooden	Delta Air Lines
Curtis Ripple	Continental Airlines	Gregory Yates	Delta Air Lines
Ted Rogachuk	American Airlines	James Young	Delta Air Lines
Andrew & Cherise Rohlfig	Delta Air Lines	Paul & Roma Zanders	Delta Air Lines
John Rossi	Delta Air Lines	Bruce Zimmerman	Delta Air Lines
Scott & Connie Roth	Delta Air Lines		
Charles Carter Rude	Delta Air Lines		
Robert Rudlosky	Delta Air Lines		
Carlos Ruiz	Pinnacle		
Paul Sanchez	Fedex		
William Sanford	Delta Air Lines		
David Sarkisian	Delta Airlines		
Willis Sawyer	Delta Airlines		
Jonathan Sawyer	Continental Airlines		
David Schilstra	Delta Air Lines		
Kelly Schmidt	Delta Air Lines		
Kenneth Schramm	Delta Air Lines		
Mike Scott	Delta Air Lines		
Mark Seifried	Delta Air Lines		
David Senner	Delta Air Lines		
Tom & Julaine Setter	Delta Air Lines		
John & Nicolette Settevendemie	Delta Air Lines		



Pilots For Kids Organization

CITY: DEN/Denver, CO/Colorado Springs, CO

COORDINATOR: Steve Henderson

PARTICIPANTS: United, FedEx, Frontier, International Jet and Delta

As usual, the Front Range coalition of pilots from United, FedEx, Frontier, International Jet, and Delta demonstrated remarkable compassion and generosity with their unwavering support of the five Colorado children's shelters. Over fifty dedicated PFK members helped with the holiday visitations. With so many children on the receiving end of abuse and neglect, it is always very rewarding to see them on the receiving end of toys, Pillow Pets and hugs. In particular, at one shelter (designated for high school aged kids), the biggest, toughest-looking boy in the group, after receiving his football, then requested a pillow pet. It "allowed" other image conscious boys to request the same! And it drove home the point that so many of life's normal, regular joys and comforts are completely missing from their lives! Shelter missions address neglect, abuse, domestic violence, drugs & alcohol, homelessness, adult mistrust, basic needs.....all in the name of/for the kids!



Over fifty DEN/COS PFK volunteers helped with five holiday visits to youth shelters in the Denver and Colorado Springs area. This dedicated group prides themselves on bringing joy to these often forgotten and neglected youngsters. Enjoy their photos above, right and on the next page.

Why we stay committed...

(submitted by DEN PFK Coordinator, Steve Henderson)

My husband and I have been coordinators for the Denver Family Crisis Center now for over 5 years. We look forward to our visit every December, and love to see our friends who remember us, but are sad they are still there or have had to return.

We're always grateful for the time the kids give us, stories they share, questions they ask and memories they make for us. We hope that they feel the same about the pilots and spouses who visit every year.

Last year, we noticed a few of the kids not opening their gifts or wanting to pick from the opposite table (boys from the girls and vice versa). When I asked one of the kids why, they said they were picking a gift to give to a sibling or parent, etc. So this year, I brought extra wrapping paper, tape and just set it aside. Sure enough, an older boy asked if he could pick the pink CD player. I said sure and he didn't hesitate to let me know that it was a gift for his sister. After the party, we helped him wrap it up so he could give it to her as a gift. He never once asked for an additional gift for himself. What a great memory, especially when you consider that these kids have very little of anything to call their own and a few of them are still thinking of others. I passed this story on to a couple people who were too busy to "give" or volunteer this season, and one who said he wasn't in the mood! No matter what our troubles are, these kids have so much more to deal with and still have a heart to think of others! Already looking forward to next year!

P.S. The photo (below) of the boys group, has a boy in the front with his hood up and over his face. He had just arrived at the center an hour prior to us arriving and was absolutely devastated by whatever had happened for him to have to stay at the center. By the end of our visit, he was talking, smiling and even interacting. He was one of the first boys to thank us for coming and sharing! Yep, these visits work both ways and touch everyone!

See you next year,
Shelly and Brian Smith



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An enthusiastic group of 15 PFK volunteers held their Annual Christmas Pizza Party and Winter Coat Give-Away at the Nashville Rescue Mission (left).



Top, right, another group of PFK BNA volunteers visited Vanderbilt Children's Hospital giving away lots of toys and balloons to young patients at that facility.



CITY: GUM/Guam

COORDINATOR: Chuck & Ivy Heberle

PARTICIPANTS: CAL and Cape Air

PFK is fortunate to have a dedicated group of pilots in Guam who, again this year, made a visit to Guam Memorial Hospital loaded with gifts for the children who were hospitalized during the 2011 holiday season. The smiling faces (below) reflect their appreciation.

CITY: BNA/Nashville, TN

COORDINATOR: John Floyd

PARTICIPANTS: Active and retired pilots from Delta, Northwest, USAir, Pinnacle and ASA

PFK Nashville conducted two events for the Christmas Holidays and brought Christmas cheer to many adults and children alike. On Monday, December 5th, six PFK members entertained children at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Activities included model airplane building and flying. An array of Pillow Pets were given out and B747 balloons were distributed. On Saturday, December 10th, PFK Nashville descended upon the Nashville Rescue Mission for Women & Children for its annual Christmas pizza party and winter coat give-away. Fifteen PFK volunteers arrived at the mission at 10:30 am to prepare for the lunch. Seventeen pizzas, a box of oranges and an unknown amount of softdrinks were served. Following that, a cookie decorating station was set up for little kids to personalize their Christmas cookies. Helium B747 balloons were given to the youngsters and Pillow Pets (part of the generous donation by the Pillow Pets organization) were given away. Model airplanes were built and flown. Throughout the celebration, groups of mothers and their kids were led to a winter coat give-away station where the garments were selected and fitted. PFK had a great turn out and everyone, who had been looking forward to this event, had a great time.



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CITY: ORD/Chicago, IL

COORDINATOR: Kathi Hurst

PARTICIPANTS: FedEx and Express Jet

PFK ORD Coordinator, Kathi Hurst, and other local PFK volunteers visited about 200 kids at the Lutheran Hospital in Park Ridge, IL during the holiday season. The volunteers and children had a wonderful time and felt it was a great highlight to the holiday season.

Chicago area pilots also joined together to make their annual visit to Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn IL. Pilot volunteers lifted the spirits of both children and staff this year when they distributed toys, their signature "Baby Bags" for the infants and Pillow Pets for the kids.

Located on the campus of Advocate Christ Medical Center, Advocate Hope Childrens Hospital opened in 1996 with a vision: to provide state-of-the-art pediatric care to children throughout the region and Midwest. Since then, the hospital has grown to include more than 150 pediatricians. Many of the hospitals faculty is nationally noted in such fields as cancer care, particularly childhood leukemia; pediatric cardiology and cardiac surgery, treatment of high-risk infants, endocrinology and general surgery. The 69-bed hospital also is internationally noted for pioneering advances in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric heart disease.

According to Kathi, "The Pillow Pets were an amazing hit at both locations!!!"



Above, an enthusiastic group of PFK volunteers made their annual visit to Guam Memorial Hospital and were welcomed by patients and staff.



Above, loads of toys and Pillow Pets await delivery to Lutheran Hospital by an enthusiastic group of volunteers in the Chicago area.



Left, ORD PFK members delivered gifts to patients at Hope Children's Hospital.

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CITY: DFW/Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

COORDINATOR: John Elsey

PARTICIPANTS: American, Southwest, Continental and UPS

Dallas/ Ft. Worth Pilots for Kids made five visits in December, seeing approximately thirteen hundred children. Two new venues were added to their schedule with pilots from American, Southwest, Continental, and UPS in attendance. The Pillow Pets were a huge hit, as were the balloons and the new balloon filling airplane. Once again, Colleen Barrett, President Emeritus of Southwest, opened her heart and warehouse and donated hundreds of gifts for volunteers to give to the children. At Dallas Children's Hospital, Colleen could be seen sitting alongside the children working puzzles and crafts. Also, joining the group at each hospital was a representative from Smith Anglin Financial. They are a long time sponsor of the highly successful DFW golf tournament, now in its tenth year. The electric R/C helicopters could be seen buzzing around, with the kids using them to chase the nurses around the room. Smiles were plentiful, and everywhere one looked, kids could be seen with a balloon and gift in one hand, and a Pillow Pet in the other.



A happy group of PFK volunteers visited young patients at five DFW area hospitals, providing a wide array of gifts to approximately 1,300 children.

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CITY: PDX/Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA
COORDINATOR: Christine Dunning
PARTICIPANTS: UPS, ABX Air, Delta

Volunteers in Vancouver/Portland had a successful PFK event on December 22nd at the Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, Vancouver, WA. The group visited the Pediatric Wing, Pediatric ER, the Children's Center Pediatric Rehab and the Birthing Center, bringing goodies to the staff and Captain Baldy Dolls, toys and wings/stickers to each child and their siblings.

Coordinator, Christine Dunning, was very impressed with a special participant in the Vancouver event, "A special thanks goes out to Morgan, the 6 yr old daughter of Delta Pilot Greg Brown and his wife, Jen. This amazing little girl, wearing her PFK's wings and sparkling pink Santa hat, joined us to learn philanthropy. At her young age I can't be more moved by her approach with the children, parents, siblings, and staff. I asked her if she would like to continue each year with us and she enthusiastically stated "absolutely". She came to us with her small bag of toys, which she had shopped for herself, was in charge of the stickers and PFK's wings, and helped us in every way to bring joy to everyone she met."

This event was so successful that coordinator, Christine Dunning hopes to expand the Northwest event substantially in the coming years. She was very appreciative of all of the pilots who helped with the visits and passed along the following thoughts, "During each visit, we all experience the joy of giving comfort and warmth, this year being no different, translating Spanish to a small child that didn't understand what was going on, followed by her "not" letting go of her Captain Baldy Doll to the little 5 yr old patient that hadn't spoken or interacted much recently, glowing when allowing me to put her wings on and smiling at us more than ever when Morgan handed her "Stickers", all of this followed by her looking at us all and saying "Thank you and Merry Christmas! These moments will remain in our memories "Forever"! Everyone thanks us, but I believe we receive a wonderful gift in return!"



A great group of PFK volunteers visited the Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver spreading gifts and joy to the young patients and their families (above and right).



JetBlue PFK members delivered Pillow Pets and other gifts to youngsters attending the Faces of Courage Camp in Tampa in early December. The smiling faces tell it all!

CITY: LGB/TPA/NYC, New York, NY/Tampa, FL

COORDINATOR: Kevin Carr

PARTICIPANTS: JetBlue

In October, a pallet of Pillow Pets made their way to the JFK Chief Pilots office of JetBlue for distribution to children in New York and other bases. The little guys were distributed to LGB, TPA and a few locations in NYC. They made their way to children at St. Mary's Kids and the Ronald McDonald House in New York and were given to the children attending a Faces of Courage gathering in TPA in early December.

This group also doubled their PFK donations by making a \$2000 contribution to "Faces of Courage" with a matching donation from the DeCastro Family of Charlotte. Faces of Courage (www.facesofcourage.org) provides life enriching experiences for children and their families touched by cancer and blood disorders.

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