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Newsletter

March 2013

REMINDER: PFK Members can now pay dues online at www.pilotsforkids.org



For 13 years Rod Biggs and his family, along with a host of other PFK members, have visited the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. Most of us may recognize the location this year thanks to the challenges this area faced due to Hurricane Sandy. However, those challenges didn't slow this dedicated group of volunteers. They are representative of wonderful PFK members who visit hospitals and shelters around the country to brighten the holidays for children.

SAVE THE DATE

PFK Dallas/Fort Worth Golf Tournament

(details on page 10)

Monday, May 20, 2012

PFK Orlando Golf Tournament

(details on page 11)

Saturday, October 19, 2012

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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

Thanks to your ongoing and generous support, Pilots For Kids had another great year helping hospitalized children.

As always, improvement is an ongoing goal. The more we save, the more we can do for hospitalized children. Having said that, we want to thank you for your support of our on-line options for payment of dues & donations. For either option, go to www.pilotsforkids.org and simply select your choice. It is quick, easy, and saves time and money.

Thank you to all who offered their valuable time this past year, including those who volunteered at our golf tournaments, concert and other fundraising activities. We could not have done it without you!

My best,

Ed Faath
President, P.F.K.

CITY: Point Pleasant, NJ

COORDINATOR: Rod Biggs

PARTICIPANTS: American, USAF and UPS

On December 19th, coordinator Rod Biggs and his wife made their 13th annual visit to the Jersey Shore Medical Center. They were joined by an enthusiastic group of other PFK volunteers as they visited about 25 young patients, delivering stuffed animals, Captain Baldy dolls, wings and a variety of other gifts. One memorable young patient was a 10-year-old boy who is a big N.Y. Giants fan. The group "loaded him up" with Giants fan memorabilia. He was so excited and moved that he wanted to stay in the hospital with the group because he was having such a "fun" time...

Mission accomplished!!



Above and left, PFK volunteers in RDU visit hospitalized children at WakeMed Children's Hospital. In addition to gifts, the group held a pizza party which was a big hit!



CITY: RDU/Raleigh/Durham, NC

COORDINATOR: Kenneth Worsham

PARTICIPANTS: Delta and American

RDU area pilots made their 4th annual visit to WakeMed Children's Hospital on December 5, 2012. They visited with over 40 youngsters 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. A great time was had by all and the group looks forward to next years visit.

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CITY: GRR/Grand Rapids, MI
COORDINATOR: Greg Chase
PARTICIPANTS: American, Delta and United

This past Christmas season, the GRR area pilots, their fellow employees, families, and friends brought holiday cheer to over 200 party goers at two different events.

The first holiday party was Thursday, December 6th, in the beautiful open air lobby of the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in GRR. Captain Baldy stopped by to greet the children and their parents, as they showed up for the festivities. Santa and his helper's took time out of their busy holiday schedule to share gifts with almost 90 children. Volunteers served a lunch of pizza and pasta to the children and their parents, while they enjoyed root beer floats and decorating Christmas cookies.

On Wednesday, December 12th, the PFK members moved across town for their holiday party at Gilda's Club. Volunteers gathered in the wonderful and spacious community room at Gilda's Club GRR to serve parents and children dinner before their counseling sessions. Once again the children were busy with crafts, cookie decorating, and a variety of games and activities. Each child had the holiday opportunity that all kids love, a visit with their favorite, jolly old Santa.

Thanks to All who made these events a great success.



Above, volunteers from Pt. Pleasant, NJ didn't let the effects of Hurricane Sandy slow them down as they visited children at the Jersey Shore Medical Center.

Below and right, GRR volunteers gathered to spread good cheer and holiday gifts to over 200 children at DeVos Children's Hospital and Gilda's Club. Activities included a pizza luncheon, holiday dinner, crafts, cookie decorating and visits with Santa. A great time was had by all!!!



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CITY: IND/Indianapolis, IN

COORDINATOR: Dan Ferracciolo

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

Two schools, three hospitals, hundreds of kids, a bunch of guys and gals in uniforms, one sensational 2012 Indy PFK season!

The Schools:

St. Mary's: November 27th and December 18th: In four sessions at the two campuses of St. Mary's Child Care Center, 17 Indy PFK members visited 194 pre-school aged kids. One hundred percent of these children live in poverty. Volunteers read stories, "flew" around the rooms, handed out gifts, played with, and just plain had fun with kids who endure exceptionally challenging life circumstances.

The Hospitals:

Indiana University Riley North: December 11th. Eight Indy PFK members representing five airlines and the USAF visited Indiana University Riley North Children's Hospital. While there, volunteers had the opportunity to spend time with 26 hospitalized children and their families. They presented gifts, told flying stories, listened to their stories, and tried to brighten the day for these children during their holiday season stay in the hospital. The oncology patients (some of whom are battling for their lives) received, in addition to all of the aviation themed gifts, an extra large plushie bear.

Riley Children's Hospital: December 13th. Seventeen Indy PFK members visited over 100 Riley patients and their families while they cycled through craft stations set up in the atrium by hospital staff, hospital volunteers and PFK members. PFK volunteers manned tables where they helped the kids assemble holiday and aviation themed crafts and handed out gifts to the kids and/or their families.

Peyton Manning Children's Hospital: December 15th. Thirteen Indy PFK members, spouses and family members conducted "rounds" in traditional room to room visits on the "floors" and in the PICU. The group met with 36 youngsters and their families and provided age appropriate toys, stuffed animals, hats, posters, aviation themed crafts, and gift cards for the children and their siblings.



From IND school and hospital visits...

Dozens of smiling faces: Take a look at the attached pics and see the smiling faces of courage on the kid's faces, (and the parents) as they cope with difficult circumstances.

One rewarding experience: Take a look at the pictures again, and look at the smiles on the pilots. What a joy it is to be able to distract a child from his or her focus on their medical condition or life's circumstance, if only for a moment, while we interact with them and they receive a new gift. We hand out the toys, but their positive attitude and smiling faces are the gift that we receive in return...Dan Ferracciolo



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CITY: FSD/Sioux Falls, SD
COORDINATOR: Chris Rossing
PARTICIPANTS: Delta

Two dedicated Delta PFK members coordinated a great event on December 18th at the Sanford Children’s Hospital (SCH) in Sioux Falls, SD (FSD). Coordinator, Chris Rossing and another Delta FO, Mike Meyers, distributed over \$600 in toys and gifts to hospitalized kids at SCH. The children really loved getting not only the toys, but also some cool cockpit posters, Delta Wings and airplane “trading cards” from real pilots in uniform.



Right, Delta PFK members spread holiday cheer as they visited hospitalized Children at the Sanford Children’s Hospital is FSD.

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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 scheduled this year on December 20, 2012. Unfortunately, this was the same day that a winter storm with blizzard conditions was forecasted to hit the MKE area around the start time of the events. Due to these circumstances, the pilot visitations were canceled, but the party still went on at each shelter. All of the gifts and donations were delivered earlier in the day before the storm arrived.

The first event was a pizza and gift giving party for Walker's Point teen homeless shelter. Each teen received a gift bag filled with candy and a \$20 gift card to Target. In addition, the facility received a set of pots and pans. The young people were very thankful and each of them sent a personalized thank you note.

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. There were 23 kids staying at this shelter with their mothers and each of them received a Pillow Pet. Staff members said that all of the kids were elated about receiving the Pillow Pets. Although the pilot group wasn't able to attend, the holiday events were still a big success and the group looks forward to more participation next year.



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Above, gifts are ready for distribution at two MKE area events. Although the pilot group was unable to attend due to weather, the events went on as planned.



Above, ANC PFK volunteers brightened the day for many children during their 2012 holiday visits to 3 hospitals and a homeless shelter.

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CITY: ANC/Anchorage, AK
COORDINATOR: Blaine and Kim Meeds
PARTICIPANTS: FedEx

The ANC PFK group had another very successful year with hospital visits. Over 20 uniformed Fed Ex pilots, spouses, family members and “Santa” got together on December 18th for visits to two local hospitals, Providence and Alaska Native. In addition, a smaller group gathered to deliver gifts to Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. The group also delivered wrapped gifts to the local Clare House emergency homeless shelter for women and children. These dedicated volunteers distributed over 200 wrapped gifts, parent gift bags, candy canes, chocolates and loads of Christmas cheer throughout their visits. They were also joined by one of the FedEx pilots and his singing quartet who entertained throughout the day. The response from those visited was heartwarming and the group agreed that it was another very successful event.



Above, “Santa” donned sterile garb to visit this young patient in ANC during the PFK holiday visits.

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

The season’s first Pilots for Kids visit was attended by 4 pilots, three from Delta and one from NetJets, who handed out 116 toys to the children at Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital in downtown Atlanta. A special thanks goes to Kenny Tipton, who flew in from Huntsville to attend the visit.

Pilots for Kids has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Hughes Spalding staff for a number of years, and the group anticipates additional visits in January and February.



Above, a happy group of PFK volunteers prepare for their annual holiday visit to Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital in Atlanta.

Smiling faces abound wherever the PFK volunteers visit as evidenced by these volunteers and children in DFW (bottom left) and PDX (below).



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Above and right, PFK volunteers in CLT were joined by "Santa" and "Harry the Dragon" (from Harris Teeter) as they visited youngsters at the Levine Children's Hospital.

Below, the festive group of PFK volunteers from Pt. Pleasant, NJ prepared for their annual holiday visit.



CITY: CLT/Charlotte, NC

COORDINATOR: Bob Lawlor

PARTICIPANTS: US Airways, Express Jet and Carolinas Medical Center Air Ambulance

On December 10, 2012 the Charlotte, NC area Pilots for Kids team entertained over 50 children at the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. Captain Bob Lawlor, area representative for Pilots for Kids, and his wife Linda, coordinated this event for the 20th year. Pilots from US Airways, Express Jet, and Carolinas Medical Center Air Ambulance, as well as several US Airways flight attendants, dispensed refreshments and hugs. To the delight of the children, Captain Bob Koontz attended for the 20th year as Santa Claus and distributed many gifts and toys. Harry the Dragon, representing one of our sponsors, Harris Teeter, was also on hand to pose for pictures with the kids. Despite their circumstances, it was obvious the group brightened their day; but as usual, it was the pilots who left with the biggest smiles.

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CITY: DEN/Denver, CO

COORDINATOR: Steve Henderson

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

The Colorado PFK team once again demonstrated their overwhelming dedication and commitment during the 2012 Christmas holiday season. Their annual schedule of 5 shelter visits would be daunting and unrealistic for many, however, with the leadership of 6 very special coordinators, the visits/parties are always executed flawlessly. They are efficient, well attended, and most importantly, fun for the participating children. These 6 selfless volunteers are the face of PFK in the Front Range region and have led their events for many years. Their compassion and sacrifice deserve a warm, enthusiastic salute. A special thank you to Lizette Stuber, Jolanda Witvliet, Shelly Smith, Dana Evert/Mark Bosler and Scott "Ginsu" Ginn. Additionally, although they make it look easy, their "mission statements" are challenging. Many of the affected children are the product of neglect, abuse, broken homes, families with alcohol, drug, and violence issues. Of further note, Shelly Smith, the wife of Fed Ex pilot Brian Smith, once again demonstrated how we truly are one big (generous) Aviation Family. Finally, as always, none of this is possible without the individual contributions from our PFK troopers, both in their personal Time and/or Treasure:

Bill Anonsen, Mark Hightower, Randy and Pam Rothe, Dave Cross, Scott Lamb, Tom LaValley, Diana Ginn, Danny Henderson, Rick Howard, Mark Baumer, Paul and Sandy Swanson, Steve Starks, Brian Smith, Cindy Allen, Greg and Dana Hall David Claytor, Mark Bomber, Eric Stark, Mike Everist, Steve Knopf, Cari Davidson, Chris Dolson, Ed Lowry, Bobby Bonham, Mark Fink, Tom and Cindy Kreutz, James Makowski, Steve Zapiler, Mark Castellani, Keith Niemitalo, Danny Tuten, Mark Olson, Rick and Gayle Bebee, Debra Knepper, Alpa Council 33/93, Bill Kennedy, Sue Benker, Pam Brandenburger, Brigitte Bacheller, Margaret Long-Bain, Brenda Patterson, Dave Chancellor, Greg Lunsford, Mark Bosler and Scott Hebert.



This page, PFK members from DEN visited five shelters around the Denver area, enriching the holidays for many children who loved the visits.

11TH ANNUAL DFW GOLF TOURNAMENT

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MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

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2nd Annual Pilots for Kids Golf Tournament Saturday, October 19, 2013

11:00 a.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Post-Tourney Awards Dinner Buffet & Auction
(Spouses welcome at dinner & auction)



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Hello,

We were at Children's Hospital in Plano, TX, today as our 3 year old daughter has nerve & muscle damage in her arm due to a bad break about 2 months ago. We were following up with her doctor there today. As we were leaving, someone asked if our kids would like a free present- my kids don't turn anything down, so we said sure. When we came up to where the pilots were in the lobby, it was nothing short of magical. I have tears in my eyes just thinking about it- we were truly blessed & encouraged by the gifts that were given to our children & with the love that was shown by the people that were there giving the gifts out. She received a pillow pet, and her two brothers were given remote control helicopters. We didn't know how to thank those involved, so I hope it's ok that I send this to you. Just wanted to pass along a really big, heartfelt thank you: to you, the pilots with the DFW chapter, and to your organization. It just brightened our Christmas up so much!!

Sincerely,

Sarah Harrigan

Right, U.S. National and World Aerobatic Champion, Kermit Weeks visited with a young patient during hospital visits in MCO. PFK volunteers distributed toys and gifts to about 350 youngsters during their visits to three hospitals and made a monetary donation to a local children's home in the Orlando area.

Below right, more PFK volunteers help with holiday visits in MCO.



CITY: MCO/Orlando, FL

COORDINATORS: Ludwig and Anchorelle Van Sprang

PARTICIPANTS: Signature Flight Support, Cessna Aircraft Company, Fantasy of Flight, Jet Blue, UPS, Delta, Pinnacle and NetJets

Following a local PFK tradition, PFK volunteers met at a local restaurant for breakfast. Once there, everyone had a chance to get acquainted and plan for the annual Orlando area visits.

PFK volunteers visited children at Florida Hospital, Winnie Palmer Hospital, Nemours Hospital and the Russell Home For Atypical Children. Toys and gifts were given to approximately 350 children during the visits. Additionally, U.S. National and World Aerobatic Champion, Kermit Weeks, presented the kids with his latest award winning children's book along with an explanation the book's aviation themed characters. The last visit was to The Russell Home where PFK members presented a donation for \$2,000.

Special thanks to Kermit Weeks, Dennis Burchill, John Oden, Manfred Judy, Mark Buckner, David Gale, Brian Hamlin, Amanda Wolf, Diane Jomisco, Cheryl Tackett, Matt Franklin, Mariela Chumbe, Lynann Kurr and the two Fantasy Of Flight aviation mascots who participated.



Pilots For Kids Organization

CITY: ORD/Chicago, IL

COORDINATOR: Kathi Hurst/Delores Pavletic

PARTICIPANTS: Delta, American, FedEx and Southwest

December 13th was a special day at Advocate Christ Children’s Hospital in Chicago, as this was the day that an enthusiastic group of PFK volunteers delivered toys and holiday cheer to hospitalized children at that facility. The smiling faces of the pilot group (below) is indicative of the wonderful time everyone had.



Above, PFK volunteers from ORD visited young patients at Advocate Christ Children’s Hospital.

Below, volunteers in the Portland/Vancouver area spread cheer as they visited children at a Vancouver, WA hospital.



CITY: LAS/Las Vegas, NV

COORDINATOR: Gary Dolson

PARTICIPANTS: USAF, Delta, United

Young Jose Rodriguez enjoyed his visit from pilots are Jeff Waugh, Jim Palmer, Adi Greenberg, and Gary Dolson. The group visited UMC’s Childrens Hospital in Las Vegas and handed out gifts such as airplanes, stuffed animals, games, and Barbie dolls.



Above, LAS members spread cheer as they visited children at UMC’s Children’s Hospital.

Below, PDX volunteers enjoyed their holiday visits as well.



CITY: PDX/Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA

COORDINATOR: Christine McKinley Dunning

PARTICIPANTS: UPS and Delta

Coordinator Christine Dunning relayed the following- December 20th 2012, Pilots for Kids volunteers had an enjoyable event at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver Washington. Another year of great memories was had by all, bringing smiles and hope to many little ones, families, siblings and staff during the holiday season. Equipped with Captain Baldy Dolls, wristbands, wings and many toys as well as goodies for the staff, the PFK volunteers visited Children's units throughout the hospital. The staff are the unsung heroes so the group wanted to ensure they were recognized as well.

This year we were told one child hadn't been there long and was very unhappy. There was discussion if we should or should not visit with her; with family and staff agreeing, the decision was made to try. Before we left her, she was laughing, had her Pilots for Kids wings on, was embracing Capt Baldy and playing with her new toys. Wow! It was so heartwarming everyone was beaming!

One of the other highlights was a very awesome little guy. When he opened his gift of a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, his absolute excitement, amazement and sheer love, instantly brought back memories for us all of that one gift we received over the years that was so unexpected that we were in "disbelief". We got a great snapshot of that moment which we will never forget either. I also want to thank the volunteer staff at Legacy Salmon Creek. They have been fabulous, assisting us in any way necessary each year during our visits. I was at the hospital for a follow-up meeting at the end of January and the volunteers still had their wings on their badges and were so proud to have them. They keep PFK's brochures at the front desk and tell many folks about us. They are wonderful, compassionate folks!!

Once again, Coordinator Brian Willoughby did such a great job introducing us to assure families and staff were comfortable with us. A good "introduction" is very important as once this is done, everyone relaxes and enjoys our visit.

During our visits there are always lots of questions such as where we fly, how big are the airplanes, etc.,etc. We always bring photos of our aircraft as well. When the children learn that we fly "around the world" all year, what do you think the number one question we hear from these little "Enchanted" voices is during the holidays? Yep..."Do you see Santa while you are flying?" This year we were actually summoned back to one child's room by parents and

staff just to have this question more fully answered. I would like to thank the Portland/Vancouver PFK volunteers again this year. We have a small but mighty group that is growing each year. Dennis Frisbee, Mark Harris and daughter, Allison, Greg Sprowls, Brad Lasher, Rich Kaynor and my wonderful Hubby Dan, thank you "all" for your part in this year's visit! You are a pleasure to work with whether it's during the event or behind the scenes. I look forward to many more years of "Priceless" visits with you and those who join us in the future. For those in our group that were on trips, I know you were with us in spirit and look forward to seeing you next year.

Thoughts on Pilots for Kids events...

Our Airline Careers have given us a pretty good life! Pilots for Kids allows us the opportunity to pay it forward to others, showing we care, bringing love, joy and happiness to so many who really need us. There aren't words for how special it feels to be able to give children moments like these. Thank you Ed Faath for your vision and thank you to the many volunteers and donors for paying it forward! It is an honor to be part of this wonderful effort for the "Kids"...Christine



It was a memorable moment for the PFK volunteers in PDX when their special gift of a Samsung Galaxy Tablet was opened by this young patient at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, WA.

Giving from the Heart

Pilots For Kids Organization

CITY: DFW/Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
COORDINATOR: John Elsey
PARTICIPANTS: Southwest, American, Continental and UPS

The second and third week of December were a very special time for children in several hospitals in the DFW area. A large group of PFK volunteers visited Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, Cooks Children’s Hospital in Ft. Worth, Children’s Medical Center in Plano and Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. They took a wide range of gifts for the children as well as airplane balloons, Pillow Pets and other “goodies”.

A great time was had by everyone in attendance as you can tell by the smiles on the faces of those in the photos on this page. Thanks to all who participated.



This page shows a variety of visits conducted by the PFK members in DFW. This group gets a large number of volunteers to help spread cheer throughout the area.

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CITY: MIA/Miami, FL

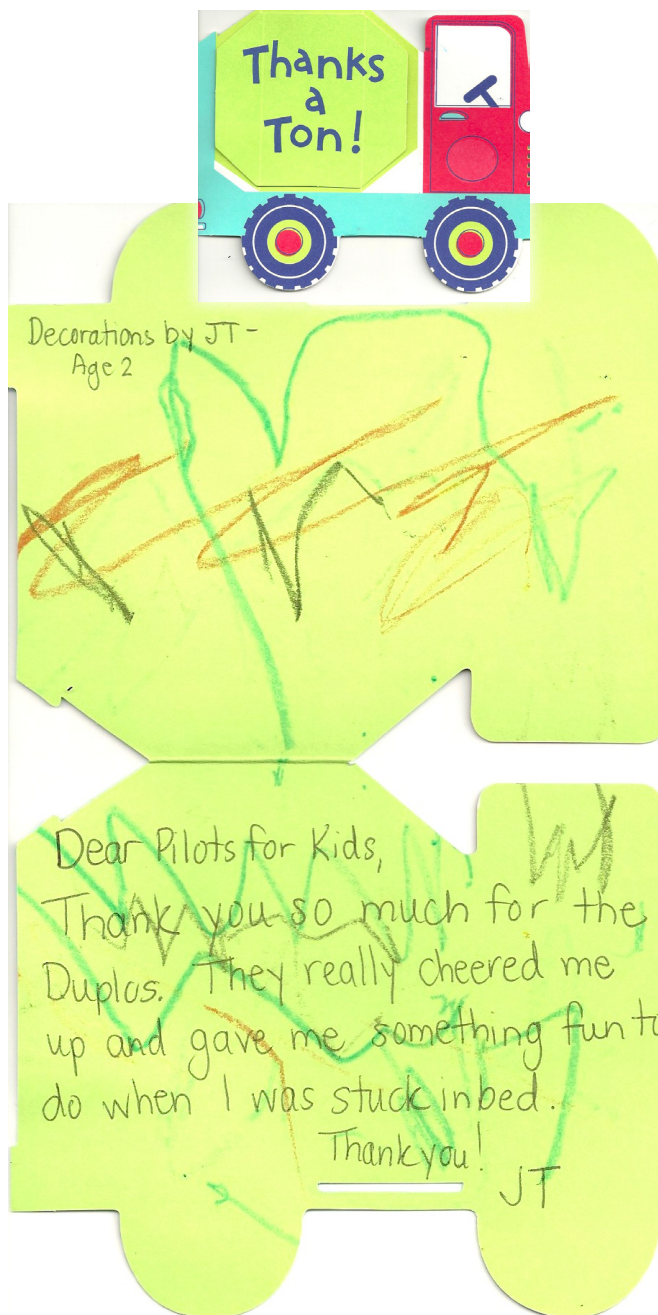
COORDINATOR: Daniel Molina

PARTICIPANTS: Delta and American

Another successful event in Miami took place on December 21st at Our Dominican Sisters in Hialeah, Florida. PFK members and pilots Daniel Molina (Delta) and Walter Pfeiffer (American) were joined by their mentor and organizer Carolina Serani as well as other friends and family members as they distributed gifts to the excited children.



Above and right, a happy group of youngsters received gifts and a welcomed visit from PFK volunteers at Our Dominican Sisters in Hialeah, FL



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CITY: LAX/Los Angeles, CA

COORDINATOR: Bob Tymczyszyn

PARTICIPANTS: Fed Ex and American

In addition to pilot uniforms, PFK members in LAX donned masks and gloves to visit 15 kids, ages 5 to 23, spending their holidays in the City of Hope's pediatric cancer ward. Explaining that Santa was so busy this year that he needed to subcontract to FedEx, the group passed out Kindle Fires, Nintendo DS's, books, games and hopefully, a little holiday cheer. The kids' reactions ranged from huge smiles to quiet tears, but the volunteers were welcomed by all. Coordinator, Bob Tymczyszyn summed up the experience, "As in years past, the ones passing out the gifts are the ones who received the most."

Bob went on to add, "Our thanks go out to Toni and all those who spend every day helping the kids who need the most - and also to those who donated so generously to our PFK campaign."

LAX PFK donated to City of Hope, Torrance Memorial Hospital, and for the first year, to the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda, CA. All hospitals were delighted to receive the unsolicited attention, and look forward to hearing from Pilots for Kids again next year!



Above, PFK volunteers in LAX were joined by Toni Carreras-Irwin, Recreational Therapist at City of Hope Hospital in Duarte, CA, as they prepared to deliver holiday gifts.

Below, DFW PFK members brought lots of smiles as they flew the PFK balloon (helium) plane through hospital halls during their visits.



CITY: CLE/Cleveland, OH

COORDINATOR: Andy Adams

PARTICIPANTS: ABX Air, United, Continental, Southwest and the 99's



Above, PFK volunteers in CLE visited with a young hospital-ized patient during their holiday visits.

The Cleveland group was busy and well represented this year with five airlines/groups all helping with the visits. The day included visits to Cleveland Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital as well as The Cleveland Christian Home. Along with the gifts, the group had a spirited question and answer period with the children, which was both enjoyable and fun for all. The PFK volunteers also hope to visit again this summer.

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

PFK volunteers in MSP again enjoyed a great year of giving. On January 23, 2013, the group hosted an afternoon pizza party for over 80 children and staff at St. Joseph's Home for Children. Entertainment included a juggler and unicyclist and the group hosted games and crafts as well as face-painting for the children at the shelter. It was a wonderful post-holiday event for everyone involved as evidenced by the photos below! Special thanks to the pilots, flight attendants, family and friends who helped out.



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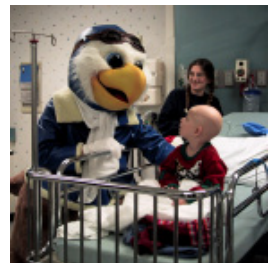
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