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The 2020 holiday season was a real challenge for PFK members worldwide. A number of creative coordinators were still able to provide support to the children in their communities. Congrats to all of the dedicated members who participated.



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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

The past year has been a challenge for everyone. It would have been perfectly understandable for our members to set aside the work of our organization due to the challenges that they faced. Instead, our members responded with modified fundraisers, golf tournaments, and visits to children's hospitals and shelters. I think you would agree that those are impressive accomplishments under the circumstances.

On the subject of finances, our annual dues will be increasing from \$15. to \$25. as of April 1st. Our last dues increase was in April 1994 (27 years ago.) Our dues increase will fund our credit card processing fees, insuring that 100% of our donations go to the kids.

Hopefully we can get back to normal soon and again start carrying overloaded bags of toys to deliver some much needed cheer.

Thank you for your continuing support!

With sincere appreciation,

Ed Faath

President, P.F.K.

CITY: LAS/Las Vegas, NV

COORDINATOR: Anthony Turchioe

PARTICIPANTS: Spirit and Delta

Like most events this year, Pilots for Kids - Las Vegas was very different. They were, however, still committed to bringing some cheer this holiday season.

Members were able to coordinate with the local children's hospital and safely drop off wrapped presents for their young patients. The hospital staff was able to accept the gifts and let PFK know they had exciting plans for a festive way to distribute them safely to the children.

LAS volunteers are looking into hosting some off season events when it is safe to do so as well as looking forward to the next holiday season. Below are pictures of the organized drop off to UMC Children's Hospital.



Left and above, LAS volunteers delivered gift bags to UMC Children's Hospital for safe delivery by hospital staff.



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PFK volunteers in Indianapolis were able to deliver gifts to children at two St. Mary's locations as part of their revised holiday visits.



CITY: IND/Indianapolis, IN
COORDINATOR: Chris Fuson
PARTICIPANTS: Republic, Delta, FedEx, JetBlue and United

Coordinator Chris Fuson wanted to thank everyone for their continued volunteer help and donations. This year presented some unique challenges for the PFK organization. Due to COVID, volunteers couldn't visit the kids in the classrooms or make any hospital visits as they normally do. Despite the limitations they faced, members were able to spread some holiday joy to many children as they were being picked up from the two St. Mary's locations.

This year, pilots donned winter jackets, gloves, and PPE to help put some smiles on the faces of St. Mary's students. They passed out stockings filled with assorted goodies, along with a couple of interactive books, and some stuffed airplanes. Volunteers were able to visit 96 kids this year between the two locations. While they couldn't read to the kids this year, they did engage in a very serious game of hide and scare.

This year, like every year before, would not have been possible without the willingness of the great pilot group to give, both their time and financial support.



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CITY: MCO/Orlando, FL

COORDINATOR: Anchorelle Van Sprang

PARTICIPANTS: Various

PFK volunteers in Orlando provided curb side toy drop offs at the AdventHealth for Children Hospital, the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, and an online shopping spree for the Nemours Children’s Hospital in July and again in December. The group also added a little extra for December, when they sent a box full of toys to the Pediatric Department of Brandon Hospital in Tampa.

Santa had a bit of a hard time finding enough gifts this year for the kids in the Central Florida Hospitals, with the pandemic and all....So the Pilots for Kids Orlando group decided to lend a helping hand (as usual) and they managed to get a ton of gifts to help Santa out. 700+ fun toys and gifts found their way to cheer young patients at area hospitals.

All in all, despite it being a very challenging year, the Pilots for Kids Orlando group was able to do so much for area children. Coordinator Anchorelle Van Sprang wanted to express a special thanks to the crewmembers and all others who have donated so generously!!



Above and right, MCO volunteers stepped up to creatively provide over 700 gifts to youngsters in the Central Florida hospitals.

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: CMH/Columbus, OH
COORDINATOR: Paulette Gilbert
PARTICIPANTS: NetJets

Year after year, the NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) Membership gave generously – especially during the holidays as the NetJets pilots continued to support the Columbus Chapter of Pilots For Kids (P4K:CMH) Holiday Toy Drive. Within a few days of its announcement, more than 150 toys were purchased from the Amazon Wish List, fulfilling the holiday wishes of children served by the Homeless Families Foundation (HFF).

NJASAP was privileged to join PFK in this initiative for the seventh consecutive year. Indeed, the 2020 Toy Drive may have been the most important to date as children have not been spared the stress and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pilot group’s gifts offered a sense of normalcy as the group continued the annual tradition of spreading holiday cheer at a time when area children need it the very most.

Each gift was wrapped and placed in a cheerful red bag for delivery to HFF, which hosted a drive-up day on Dec. 17 to distribute gifts and other supplies to families in need. Many central Ohio organizations have come together to generously support the HFF and the families it serves, exemplifying the holiday spirit. P4K:CMH was honored to have played a role in giving these children a happier holiday, and it was all thanks to NetJets pilots’ boundless generosity and enthusiasm for this annual giving program.



Above, NetJets pilots supported the PFK mission by purchasing and delivering over 150 gifts to Columbus area children.

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Pediatric Child Life Program

Child Life interventions facilitate coping and adjustment, reduce fear and anxiety, teach coping skills through developmental education, diversion, surgical support, medical tests and procedures with medical play and pediatric vocabulary.

The staff at Ebeid Children's Hospital is so thankful for the wonderful men who came and delivered bag after bag and box after box of books and stuffed toys and play dough and toys and posters and activity books and lotion sets and ... everything we need to make the holidays brighter. Thank You!

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CITY: HOU/Houston, TX
COORDINATOR: Steve Curry
PARTICIPANTS: Various

Due to COVID restrictions, the Houston Pilots for Kids group was unable to visit any of our three Texas Children's Hospital Campuses in 2020. The group had 6 visits confirmed for 2020 when the pandemic restrictions went into effect.

According to coordinator, Steve Curry, "In the meantime, we did design, have produced and sold 3 different holiday PFK ties as a fund raiser for future hospital visits. The local IAH Chief Pilot's Office allowed us to sell and distribute the ties in November and December. United Airlines approved the ties for uniform wear during the holiday months so be on the lookout for them in 2021! We recouped all of our costs and still have inventory available for 2021 as well. Our goal is to make a return to the hospitals by Christmas or sooner if they will allow visits."

"The Houston Pilots for Kids group is dedicated and enthusiastic to get back to the hospitals as soon as we can safely do so. Due to the overwhelming number of pilots we normally have attending our visits, we normally have more pilots available than the hospitals will allow necessitating a "standby" list to participate!"



Above, BOI PFK members delivered gifts for the young patients at two facilities in Boise.

CITY: BOI/Boise, ID
COORDINATOR: Alex Macdonald
PARTICIPANTS: Skywest, Delta, American & Air National Guard

Even with Covid, the Boise PFK group had a great turnout of pilot volunteers for both visits to St. Luke's Children's Pavilion and the Saint Alphonius Maternity Center. Volunteers helped to brighten the day and donate to make a better Christmas for a lot of children and their families!

Coordinator Alex Macdonald wants to send a special thanks to the BOI PFK volunteers as well as to great staff at St. Luke's and Saint Alphonius who make this and many more opportunities possible.



Above, HOU PFK designed and sold ties as a fundraising program to support their hospital visitations.



Left, Dulles PFK deliveries were made to two of their partner hospitals and made a special impact on the young patients.

CITY: IAD/Washington, DC
COORDINATOR: Julie Callens
PARTICIPANTS: Various

In this crazy pandemic year, Dulles PFK had very limited activities with only 2 of their partner hospitals accepting toys instead of cash donations. Dulles coordinator Julie Callens wanted to share the following letter from the Child Life Coordinator at Winchester (VA) hospital regarding the impact of just one of the donated toys. It says it all...

Hello Barb;

Fortunately on Christmas we only had one patient who happened to be an infant. The nurses chose the luvee (pacifier attached to stuffed animal) and the baby book for this patient. The special story is that at the end of the month we had a patient admitted with a serious diagnosis that had to be shipped out the same night. It was very emotional for the whole family including the staff. I had a note on my desk the next moment telling me about it. The Nurse explained that she had given the patient a Lego set and then they got talking about Star Wars. The Patient had wanted a Baby Yoda for Christmas but didn't get one. The Nurse went back to my office and came back with the Baby Yoda and presented it. This gift that you picked out gave a little reprieve from the new diagnosis and the long Journey ahead. It brought Joy for the nurse to be able to give it and happiness to the patient. Baby Yoda had his first ambulance ride and the patient had someone to take it with him. I just wanted to let you know that you gave more than toys. WE continue to hand out the other gifts as appropriate. Thank you so much for all that you do and It was so wonderful to see you this Christmas. It was both short and sweet. May the new year bring you good health, safety and a better work climate.

Sincerely, Tanya

CITY: DEN/Denver, CO
COORDINATOR: Steve Henderson
PARTICIPANTS: Delta

Obviously, the 2020 Pilots-for-Kids Christmas parties, festivities, and celebrations were a sad casualty of the ongoing COVID pandemic. However, the need, and the group's unwavering charitable spirit has remained very strong.

In response, coordinator Steve Henderson wanted to share the following, "First and foremost, I would like to humbly thank all of you for your incredible, over-the-top support and selflessness in regards to our long-standing PFK mission. Our established commitment to 5 shelter/hospital communities has produced meaningfully and tangible benefits - your steadfast generosity, genuine thoughtfulness and sincere concern have made a real difference. With that said, your benevolence here in 2020 was even more important. Some of our shelters have been terminally challenged, as they've seen many of their regular revenue and income sources severely diminished or terminated. Therefore, our PFK support has taken-on new meaning and relevance. Specifically, our individual shelter leaders have reached out and identified targeted needs/items that were prioritized as of immediate concern and necessity. We have visited similar circumstances in the past, providing laptops, TVs, shelter provisions, etc., that would not have been possible without our assistance. Those were lasting, effective, (and much appreciated) uses of our precious resources. And of course, it hasn't been all about the "business" end of the shelters. With our kids in mind, we have brought great joy (and welcomed distraction) by executing some very special deliveries!"

This very dedicated PFK group is looking forward to a very busy 2021.



Above, DEN PFK members made two deliveries to Denver Health; this photo shows the December visit.

CITY: PDX/Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA

COORDINATOR: Christine McKinley Dunning

PARTICIPANTS: UPS, Omni, Alaska, ABX, UAL & Delta

The beginning of 2020, the PDX PFK group set out with excitement to make it a year of fund raising and additional growth. Unfortunately, that quickly changed...fund raising came to a screeching halt, and the Covid Guidelines were so vast, the question became how could the group still bring much needed love and smiles in some way during the Holidays? The big challenge for the site coordinators was to find a way to continue their annual "PFKD's RMH Holiday Party" that had become so popular. As a plan developed, volunteers were pleased to see the donations roll in!

Since each family was quarantined to their rooms, volunteers had to develop a unique plan for bringing the party to the families. With some creative planning and the help of PFK volunteers and RMH Coordinators, "PFKD's North Pole Adventures Week" was officially on! The plan consisted of a week long series of deliveries to both the Ronald McDonald East House and for the very first time the new South Waterfront House, to every child and family.

Dec 15th was the first delivery, which consisted of an "Aviation Adventures Package" which included many activities and challenges for the kids to complete and upon completion they each received Target Gift Cards. Also delivered were Holiday trees for each room, each with special Pilots for Kids ornaments and finally a cozy stuffed North Pole themed animal for each child. Dec 16th Virtual Zoom 5 minute Santa Visit was set up, direct from the North Pole for each child...

Dec 22nd was the "Grandma June Hot Home Cooked Lasagna dinner" delivery for each child and family at both houses.

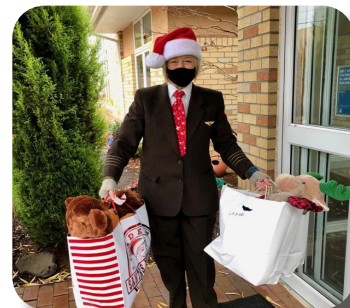
Due to the overwhelmingly successful fund raising campaign, the group was able to add a second event to help each family usher in the new year! "PFKD's Hope for 2021" Special Delivery was presented January 8th 2021. This delivery included huge gift bags for each family filled with 2021 planning and pocket calendars, note pads, special soft cozy bears for each

child, warm gloves for each family member, a big tin of Danish Butter Cookies and to top it off, another Grandma June freshly made meal for each family!

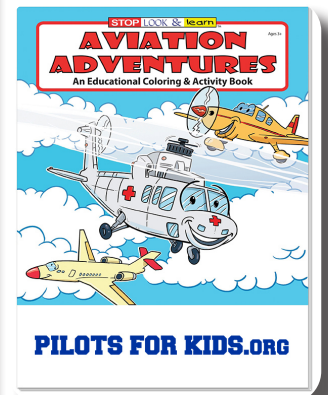
Christine Dunning, the PDX coordinator summed it up as follows, "I know the cliché of "It takes a Village" is used a lot, but looking back on this year's events, it was never more accurate!"

"I want to give special thanks to Clark County Saddle Club for the use of their "Professional Kitchen" for the meals to be cooked and prepared. Due to a last minute Covid guideline change, we could not cook at the Ronald McDonald House Kitchen. When presented with our dilemma, the Saddle Club board stepped up to help and quickly approved our request for this use, without charge!"

"Getting the word out was ever so important to raise funds. In addition to our Crewmember Cadre, their families and friends and local Fbos, I want to thank Pilot Laureano Mier and Melinko of Melinkos Air Museum and Café, for doing a big promo on our mission then Laurel Johnson with Angel Wings West connected with her friend and Aviation Author Karlene Pettitt, who both in extremely short order put together an overview of what we were doing this year on Karlene's blog and twitter. In just a few hours there was over 4,300 views! Amazing response! It made a difference! Thank you to "Go! Calendars" (Kelly) for your awesome donation of dozens of Cozy Teddy Bears for our "Hope for 2021" second event.... Finally, my heartfelt thanks to Clayton, Eve, Grandma June, Shannon and Claire! Your tireless work during the ever changing guidelines, continuing to think outside the box at every turn, is appreciated more that you know! As promised, we took some great photos of the Journey and though due to Covid only a couple of us were in these photos, dozens were right there with us in support and spirit!"




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Dear Pilots for Kids, Inc. Members,

Thank you so much for your dedication and generosity to our patients, families, and staff here at Mary Bridge Children's in Tacoma, WA.  You're our SUPER HEROES!

★ Though we weren't able to have in-person visitors over the holidays, we appreciated your commitment in donating to our child life department. Please accept our heart-felt gratitude. We look forward to partnering with you again this year. Kind regards,
Mary Bridge Child Life



Above and right, some of the many activities undertaken by the creative PFK volunteers in Portland.

Welcome New PFK Members

Alexander Amann	Republic Airways	Chip Sassone	Delta Air Lines
John Antolos	Spirit Airlines	Annmarie Savitski	Delta Air Lines
Logan Bartolome	Republic airways	Bradley Schaak	United Airlines
Jacob Bennett	Republic Airways	Alexandra Sotelo	Frontier Airlines
Cesar Bolivar	Allegiant Air	Greg Sprowls	Delta Air Lines
Savannah Booth	Southwest Airlines	Christopher Tarsi	Spirit Airlines
Nicholas Burt	Mesa Airlines	Ben Waters	Envoy Air
Timothy Carraway	Mesa Airlines	Scott Weddell	SkyWest Airlines
Grady Chiam	American Eagle/Envoy Air	Bryan Weis	Spirit Airlines
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Stephen Davenport	Envoy	Michael Wilchcombe Jr	United Parcel Service
Travis Dees		Morgan Wiley	Endeavor Air
Oliver Easley	NexGen Aviation	Matthew Yakely	FedEx
Austin Engebretson	Alaska Airlines	Travis Zachary	NetJets
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Sean McClain	Envoy Air Inc		
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Marko Milicevic	Skywest Airlines		
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Dennis Mitchell	United		
Nicholas Mueller	Southwest Airlines		
Jeff Mulleavey	Envoy Air		
Nicholas Ortenburger	Frontier Airlines		
Lindsey Richardson	Envoy Airlines		
Kiara Rodriguez	Flight Training Prof.		
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Sebastian Ruiz	CFI		
Robert Sandberg	Ferrer Air LLC		



Above, as usual, PFK members stepped up to provide wonderful gifts for children throughout their communities. PDX volunteers were able to deliver gift cards and lots of toys to deserving youngsters.

The note below, by PDX coordinator, Christine Dunning, speaks volumes about the appreciation each city coordinator felt for his/her fellow PFK members and volunteers during this challenging year. To our credit, the PFK group stepped up and showed continuing kindness and dedication to meeting the needs of children throughout our communities. Thank you and congratulations to all of you...

You are truly the heart of our organization!

There aren't enough words as Coordinator to describe my appreciation to everyone for what many thought impossible when planning began...

"The journey this year has been one of the most unprecedented and challenging ever, the outcome one of the most successful!"

I want to thank you all for your donations, support and trust in the mission we took on this year. I can say with complete confidence, due to our great PDX Pilots for Kids cadre "Village", many special kids and families received a week of love and smiles! "Mission accomplished!!!"

Captain Christine Dunning
Pilots for Kids Coordinator
PDX/Vancouver Area

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