

Celebrating 25 years!

Pilots For Kids Organization



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Helping Hospitalized Children Since 1983

Newsletter

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Combined crewmembers from American, Southwest and other airlines gather for a visit in DFW.

- * **Our members prepare for our annual hospital visits.** To participate please contact a coordinator near you. Please see list on page 2&3.
- * **Congratulations to Captain Jean Thompson and Ofelia Carrasco as the shared recipients of our 2008 Pilots For Kids Award.** Please see page 3.
- * **Welcome new members!** Page 4.

“100% of our donations always go to the kids”

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

As we face many challenges in the industry today, our members always find time to participate and generously fund our organization. Because of your support and volunteer work we stand out as unique in the realm of non-profit organizations. I don't know of another organization that functions on the same level that we do with an all volunteer staff.

From our humble beginnings in 1983, we have come a long way. This December we will celebrate 25 years as an organization. For me, it has been 25 years of meeting and working with some of the most generous and talented individuals in our profession. To say it was a pleasure would be an understatement. Thank you for the honor of working with you.

Wishing you the best on your PFK visits.
Happy holidays to all!

Thank you!
Ed Faath
Pres.



NetJets Capt. Andy Evans and friends in CMH

2008 HOSPITAL VISITS

To participate please contact a coordinator listed below.

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2008
**PILOTS FOR
KIDS AWARD**



The Pilots For Kids board is pleased to announce that our 2008 award will be presented to and shared by two very deserving members, both of whom work for Continental Airlines. Our first recipient is Captain Jean Thompson who recently retired and has been our GSO area coordinator for many years. Our second recipient is Mrs. Ofelia Carrasco who works at the CALAPLA office. Ofelia has been instrumental in promoting and coordinating our efforts throughout the Continental system for many years as well. From our board and our members, thank you for your dedication to helping hospitalized children.

**HELPFUL AID FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED****IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.**

As parents, we have the privilege of teaching our children. As we get older, they have the opportunity to return the favor. Last December, my daughter, Jennifer, was diagnosed with cancer. Since that day, Jennifer has taught us the definitions of strength of character, faith, focus, and the value of humor.

Although we have been told this is a cancer which can be cured, between here and cure are chemotherapy, radiation, surgery, and more chemo. From the beginning she has had but one goal – maintaining a normal life for her sons. More than once she has said, “Dad. I want the boys’ lives to be as normal as possible for as long as possible.” An understandable focus for a mother of three, however, when cancer or any other life threatening disease strikes, “normal” takes on a new meaning.

As Jennifer began her treatments, she came across an awesome resource – a Free website (after all, she is the daughter of a pilot) which assists with coordinating activities and information for people in need. Called Lotsa Helping Hands, the service allows family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to more easily assist with the daily meals, rides, shopping, house-cleaning and errands that become a challenge during times of medical crisis, caregiver exhaustion, or when caring for an elderly parent.

The site was created out of life experience. Some years ago, two men, good friends, had their wives stricken by serious illnesses. As they walked the paths chosen for them, they were touched by the many offers of help they received – yet they were frustrated by the task of coordinating help while caring for their loved one. There had to be a better way. This was the genesis of www.lotsahelpinghands.com. I am in their debt because their work has given Jennifer the opportunity to have a life which is not about cancer.

Before she learned of this online service, she spent hours on the phone after each doctor’s visit updating friends on her progress. No longer! She promised all of her friends to post results on the site right after each test, procedure, or regular appointment. Seeing Jennifer’s number on caller-ID no longer signaled a medical report.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN CONTIN.

Members of the site, invitation required to join and be admitted, first enter a welcome page which offers several options.

Check the calendar – it is a place for Jennifer to post her needs. “Ben has a dentist appointment on Tuesday at 4 pm; Paul could use a ride to baseball practice; anyone going to Tony’s birthday party who can bring Stephen home?” These are the details of normal life for a busy mom with three active boys. As she posts, the days where she has needs turn from white to green. When a friend signs up to complete the task, the color changes to blue. What a system! A simple glance allows friends to pitch in and help.

Did I say the site was free? It is. Did I say it was not full of annoying ads competing for Jennifer’s space? It is not – the advertisements are strictly limited.

Care to let Jennifer know you are praying for her? One mouse click moves you to a place to post well wishes. Want to start a dialogue with Jennifer or anyone in the site, one click and you are there.

Jennifer’s operation was scheduled to be a 4-6 hour ordeal. My son and I posted hourly progress updates. You cannot imagine how many people have thanked us for that.

It’s my turn to say thanks. “Barry and Hal, thank you from the Saux family.”

In our world of complete disclosure, let me be clear on this. I have no financial interest in this site, I receive no money or favors from it, and the developers are not relatives. I have asked the other members of the Board to place this information in the newsletter so that we, as we interact with patients, can let them know about this FREE service to help them simplify their lives.....

Captain Jack Saux Jr. (Ret.)
(PFK board member for many years.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jennifer Beckham	Southwest
Dave Biddiscombe	Northwest
Hunter Birdwell	Pinnacle
Janie Bristol	Southwest
David Butler	Mesa Air

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED!

David Butler	Mesa Air
Stephen Butler	Continental
Stephen Corbin	Astar
Bradle Creed	Northwest
Michael Crudden	Air Wisconsin
Christine Dal	Southwest
Jonathon Diaz	Air Wisconsin
Daniel Dresser	Superior Energy
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Diane Meyers	Southwest
C.Gary Miller	unk
Elizabeth Molgren	Southwest
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Richard Palmersheim	Frontier
Brent Paris	Lifeguard Air Ambl.
Brian Pendoley	Continental
Susanne Pries	United
Steve Rambeck	Delta
Vicki Ross	Southwest
David & Josephina Runski	n/a
John Scheidler Jr.	Comair
Justin Sinclair	UND student
Katie Smith	United
Brandon Sterenchuk	American
Frank Stoddart	United
Lance Thomas	Boeing
Michael Tindall	Express Jet
Derek Van Dyke	UPS
Augie Velasquez	Frontier
Scott Vogel	United
Scott Westbrook	Airtran
Michael Whitted	American
Peter Widry	American Eagle
Rory Wilson	UND student
Chris Wilson	Pinnacle
Franklin Worthen	Hawaiian



SUPPLY COORDINATOR: Ships supplies to our coordinators when requested.

* Also seeking members for other volunteer work.



UAL pilots visiting children in DEN.



Rod Biggs & crew on a visit in Point Pleasant, NJ.



United pilot in DEN.



Trying out a new camera on a visit in DFW.



Southwest & American pilots getting started in DFW.



USAir Captain Bob Lawlor in CLT with some help.



Pilots with a new friend in DFW.



NWA pilot Gary Dolson spreading some cheer in LAS.



United pilots on a visit in DEN.



Experimenting with new cameras in DFW.



Continental pilots assisting Santa.



DFW pilots on their visits

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Looking for a few pilot related gifts? It is as easy as shopping at our website to select just what you need. Visit us at "The Store" at pilotsforkids.org & pick out some of our unique gifts.

PFK Merchandise:**Sport Sweatshirt**

The ideal garment for any season.

Choose your sweatshirt from white, ash or royal blue.

Sizes: White and Ash -

Youth Large, M, L, XL, 2XL

Royal Blue - L, XL \$16.00

**PFK Merchandise**

Pilots For Kids items, including: sweatshirts, polos, T-s, ball caps, travel mugs and luggage tags are available.

Visit *The Store* at **Pilots For Kids.org**
or contact Bob Cirka at:
PFKMerchandise@pilotsforkids.org



T-shirts \$10.00



Ball caps \$7.50 & \$10.00



Travel Mugs \$9.00



DFW PFK membrs & voluteers gather for their visit.



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Orlando, FL 32862-0052

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Give your newsletter to a fellow pilot!*

“APB!”



Our PFK members have moved & we don't have their new address. If you can help, please e-mail us their new address at:

database@pilotsforkids.org

..Thanks!

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John Kobitz Northwest Airlines
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Scott MacPherson Jet Blue
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See membership form on back cover

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PFK Mascot, Capt. Baldy

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Complete the attached membership form and return it with your tax deductible \$15 annual dues which will help fund the organization.

By becoming a member, you will receive a membership card, lapel pin, flight bag decal, luggage tag, our Pilots For Kids newsletter and most importantly, an opportunity to help hospitalized children.



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