

Pilots For Kids

Helping Hospitalized Children Since 1983

Want to join in this year's holiday visits? See pages 8-9 to contact the coordinator in your area!

Newsletter

November 2017



PFK volunteers have been visiting youngsters at Texas Children's Hospital for 23 years. Thirteen volunteers representing United, Delta and Jet Blue joined together and had another very successful visit on June 13th.

Sign up for holiday visits in your area by contacting your coordinator!

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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

Progress is a word everyone likes. The definition of progress can be described as growth, development, or some form of improvement.

During the last year we experienced continual growth in membership and also added more locations where our visits take place. Another sign of our growth has been our need to add a second "Captain Baldy" mascot due to his popularity. Along with growth comes workload. To solve this challenge we have continually looked for ways to reduce our workload and cost through increased automation. One area has been to increase our member and coordinator interaction via our website. This effort has saved us time and money. Lastly, and most importantly, we would not have had the progress we achieved without our volunteers. Our generous and talented volunteers have given selflessly by maintaining our website, publishing our newsletter, distributing our membership packets, and performing many other tasks. The unified effort at Pilots For Kids is the type of progress that we are proud of.

Thank you for your support!

With Appreciation, Ed Faath

President, PFK



CITY: LAX/Los Angeles, CA COORDINATOR: Vasco Rodriques PARTICIPANTS: Alaska Airlines

The volunteers from the LAX Alaska Airlines Pilots for Kids Chapter visited with 400 kids at the Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach. This was during their 2-day "Beach Carnival Day".

The crews made and flew paper airplanes with the kids. When the kids landed their creations on "Runway 25L", they got rewarded with some cool wings!







Above and left, Alaska Airlines crew members made a midyear visit to Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, CA delivering gifts and good cheer!

CITY: DEN/Denver, CO

COORDINATOR: Steve Henderson **PARTICIPANTS:** United Airlines

Denver "Pilots for Kids" recently conducted a special summer event for the children of "Families First", one of the 5 children's shelters that the benevolent DEN pilots have sponsored for more than a decade. Families First specifically serves those kids who are the victims of abuse, neglect and trauma.

Long-time Families First coordinator, Jolanda Witvliet led the effort, which included a tour of the Wings over the Rockies aviation museum, a Flight Training Center simulator experience, Lunch, and a crowd-pleasing balsa-wood airplane fly-off. This once in a lifetime experience is something that these severely in-crisis children could normally only dream about.

The dedicated pilot volunteers (L to R, with children): Missy Phillips, Mark Bomber, Erik Phillips, Ashley Ogden, Jeff Lewis, Dave Chancellor, and Jolanda Witvliet. Note: Unobstructed published photos of the children at any of the DEN sponsored shelters is not permitted. Threats of recognition and violent retribution are always a concern for the children in these dire circumstances. This dramatically serves as an additional (somber) reminder of how important the United pilots' commitment and dedication truly is.

Giving from the Heart









Above, DEN PFK members participated in a very special event for the youngsters at "Families First," a shelter that the group has sponsored for over a decade. The day included a visit to the Wings over the Rockies aviation museum, a Flight Training Center simulator experience and lunch.

Left, August 19th was the day for the golf tournament supporting Pilots for Kids at Willow Run in Columbus, OH.

Welcome New Members

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Compass Airlines Mesa Airlines Compass Airlines Republic Airline **ExpressJet Airlines** Republic Airlines **Compass Airlines SkyWest Airlines** Republic Airlines

Skywest Airlines Trans States Airlines Virgin America **Executive Airshare**

Compass Airlines Delta Air Lines

Endeavor Air

Frontier

SkyWest Airlines United Airlines Atlas Air

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Anyone wishing to contribute to a specific PFK city's hospital/shelter visits can do so by visiting the PFK website (www.pilotsforkids.org).

TO DONATE:

GO TO: www.pilotsforkids.org
CLICK: Donate

SELECT: Direct your donation to (dropdown)

SELECT: City-Coordinator COMPLETE: Your credit card data

Remember...

100% of your donations are returned to the local pilot group to spend on hospitalized children or those in shelters.



PFK Merchandise

Pilots For Kids items, including sweatshirts, polos, T-shirts, ball caps, travel mugs and luggage tags, are available. You can order your PFK Merchandise by contacting Carol Stocker at 440-382-3090 or email pfkmerchandise@pilotsforkids.org. See the PFK web site for more information.

PTK Room Progress

As the photos above indicate, the PFK sponsored, aviation-themed room at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in IND is progressing. The St. Vincent Foundation and hospital staff are working very hard to ensure that the room meets the expectations of PFK volunteers. The design centerpiece of the room is a DC-6 coming out of the North wall. Unfortunately, the Grand Opening and Dedication has been delayed to ensure completion of this key element. Coordinator Dan Ferracciolo will provide information as the project progresses. Thanks for all of the hard work to Dan and the other IND volunteers.



2017 Pilots for Kids Award To Gary Dolson

Gary has been involved with The Pilots For Kids Organization since 1996, the same year that he became the LAS coordinator. We would like to congratulate Gary and also thank him for his many years of work as our LAS coordinator.

Gary states, "I did not realize how big of an impact a few pilots would have on the children that were in the hospital during the holidays. From the first time I made the rounds with my fellow pilots it was truly amazing to see the joy and smiles that the pilot volunteers brought not only to the children but also to their parents!

The pizza parties were always a big hit but also the gifts that we handed out whether it was plastic airplanes, puzzles, stuffed animals or a hair brush set for teenage girls we always got the biggest smiles and incredible show of appreciation in return. I can not remember how many parents came up to me and thanked us for bringing a gift to their child, but what they really enjoyed was the time we spent with their child.

I'm proud of my fellow pilots, the generosity they show during the holidays and through out the year as well as their participation and the time they put in to bringing so much happiness to the children. Also, I would like to personally say thank you to a fellow pilot, Adi Greenberg. Adi, for as long as I can remember, always made sure he had the time off to help.

Pilots For Kids is a great charity and I am proud to be part of it."

Sincerely,

Gary R. Dolson

VOLUNTEER NOW!

Pilots for Kids is in need of a **Media Coordinator**

This position will be responsible for overseeing the activities of all PFK media communications, i.e. web site, newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. and ensuring that all volunteers adhere to the media policies set forth by Pilots for Kids.

The Media Coordinator should have general knowledge about various forms of social media, print media and web site usage and be available by phone and email to provide guidance and answer questions relating to PFK media usage and policy guidelines.



Thank you to Captain Gary Dolson, the 2017 winner of the Pilots for Kids Award. Captain Dolson has been involved with PFK in Las Vegas for over 20 years.

Thank you, Captain Dolson!

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Above and above, right, volunteers in ATL made two midyear visits to patients at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. A great time was had by all!





CITY: ATL/Atlanta, GA
COORDINATOR: Don Myers
PARTICIPANTS: Delta, ExpressJet

A dedicated group of PFK volunteers in Atlanta gathered in March and June for mid-year visits to Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. They arrived with plenty of gifts and good cheer for the hospitalized youngsters but, as always, the volunteers walked away with the most valuable experience.

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CITY: IAH/Houston, TX COORDINATOR: Bill Bella

PARTICIPANTS: Delta, United, Jet Blue

Thirteen Houston Pilots for Kids volunteers representing United, Delta and Jet Blue joined together and had a very successful visit to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston on June 13th. Houston PFK members have been visiting children at Texas Children's Hospital for the past 23 years. In addition to their holiday hospital visits, local Pilots For Kids volunteers have conducted a mid-year hospital visit for the past few years as well. "There are numerous organizations that visit Texas Children's Hospital during the Holidays, we realize that children are hospitalized all year round and fewer organizations visit in June," said United Captain Bill Bella, Houston Pilots For Kids Coordinator.

During their June visit, the pilot group split into two smaller groups in order to visit more children. Each pilot group had a Spanish speaking pilot and they were able to visit and distribute toys to approximately 120 hospitalized children. The Pilots spent quality time with the children discussing their interests, hobbies, flying, music, art, sports and their goals.

"Our newest Houston Pilots For Kids members, Captain Gabe Vaisman and First Officer David Witwer did an outstanding job interacting with the children," said Captain Bill.

During every hospital visit, the Pilots leave a gift as a nice memory of their visit. During this visit, the group distributed a specially designed United/Pilots For Kids blue and white beachball along with brown and white stuffed aviator bears with goggles, leather jacket and a United Scarf.

"The Pilots brought much happiness and joy to many hospitalized children again during this visit. Pilots For Kids hospital visits and donations are a priceless gift of happiness for many hospitalized children! "said Captain Bill Bella"

Your support is greatly appreciated by the children, their families, the hospital staff and the Pilots For Kids Organization.







Above, HOU PFK volunteers visited with approximately 120 youngsters at Texas Children's Hospital during their mid-year visit on June 13th.







Above, MCO PFK members met for a "Christmas in July" gift drive to collect toys for the upcoming visits to area hospitals. A great time was had by all and lots of great gifts are awaiting December deliveries.

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Pilots For Kids members include airline crewmembers, corporate, military, private, and aviation enthusiasts.

See membership form on back cover.

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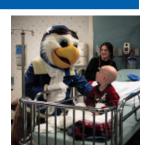


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By becoming a member, you will receive a membership card, lapel pin, flight bag decal, luggage tag, our Pilots For Kids newsletter and most importantly, an opportunity to help hospitalized children.



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