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Newsletter

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Retired Delta pilot, Sarah Pearl, is a member of the Seattle PFK group. Her enthusiasm is representative of all who participate in Pilots for Kids whether their support is via visitations, donations, coordination, administration or any other capacity. Congratulations to all members on another hugely successful year!

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PFK Dallas/Fort Worth Golf Tournament

(details on page 10)

Monday, May 23, 2016

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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

Recently, one of our members asked me how we handled our funds.

It was a great question, especially considering that we are a nonprofit charity dedicated to helping hospitalized children.

I explained that our funding falls into two categories, dues and donations. Our dues fund the operational expenses of our organization and our donations go to the children. Each fund is kept separate and is never mixed. In addition, our organization pays for the credit card fees for our on-line donations, thereby, insuring that 100% of our donors' hard earned dollars go to benefit hospitalized children.

With no paid staff and everyone being a volunteer, we are able to make our impact greater.

Thank you for your support!

With appreciation,
Ed Faath
President, P.F.K.



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11/4/14

The note enclosed is from a patient here at Nemours children's Hospital. Pilots came to visit on September 8th and paid a visit to Mitchell. His mom called us after the visit to let us know how much he enjoyed you all stopping by. It was the first smile he had since being in the hospital and helped turn a bad day into a good one! Thank you for all you do.

Jenna Fuller
Marketing & communications
Nemours children's Hospital



Above and left, IAH PFK members during their successful hospital visit to Texas Children's Hospital. The Houston Pilots For Kids have been visiting children in Hospitals for the past 21 years.

CITY: IAH/Houston, TX
COORDINATOR: Bill Bella
PARTICIPANTS: United, ExpressJet

The Houston Pilots For Kids had a very successful Holiday visit to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston on December 8. Sixteen (16) United and Express Jet Pilots joined Santa, spreading cheer to approximately 120 hospitalized children.

"We had a lot of new Pilots For Kids who did a great job interacting with the children bringing happiness and discussing their hobbies and interests," said Captain Bill Bella (Santa).

We split into 2 groups with a Spanish speaking pilot in each group to assist with the numerous Spanish speaking patients. This visit enabled us to give each child at least one United gift as a memory of our visit. We distributed to the children the United Pullback Airplane toy with lights and jet sound, a specially designed small teddy bear with a United t-shirt, an inflatable United airplane and a United Airplane stress reliever.

Texas Children's Hospital has often said, "The Houston Pilots For Kids are one of their best and favorite groups that visit the Hospital and they truly proved it again today!" The Houston Pilots For Kids volunteers have been visiting children in hospitals for the past 21 years.

CITY: SLC/Salt Lake City, UT
COORDINATOR: Lorrie Cunneen
PARTICIPANTS: Delta

On December 16th, 70 Christmas presents of Star Wars airplanes were shared with the children at The Children's Center.

All who participated had big smiles and big hearts! The group looks forward to more events in the coming years and encourages everyone in the Salt Lake area to join in the fun. PFK wants to thank each and every pilot who either joined, donated or participated in the local event.



Above, PFK members in SLC delivered 70 gifts to youngsters at the Children's Center Utah. Congrats to a great group of volunteers!

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CITY: BNA/Nashville, TN

COORDINATOR: John Floyd

PARTICIPANTS: Delta, Northwest

Pilots for Kids in Nashville hosted a fun filled afternoon at the Nashville Rescue Mission for Women and Children on Dec 5, 2015. This was the group's sixth time visiting the Rescue Mission. It never gets old.

More than 30 Children were on hand to enjoy the fun and games. It's always hard to break the ice, so volunteers started the day with a Pizza Party to get to know everyone. Next came games while volunteers also coordinated the blanket and toy give aways.

This year's volunteers really came through. One family donated enough toys to cover most of the children. Another family supplied a Piñata, while still others supplied cookies to decorate and games to play. A local Church group made all the blankets that were given to the children. It was a great community effort and everyone had an enjoyable visit.

The five pilots could not have done this without the help of their spouses and friends who reach out to the kids and their moms in a very special way. Time went by quickly and the rewards for volunteers were amazing. Coordinator, John Floyd, encourages other PFK members in the Nashville area to join in the festivities next year!



Family and friends joined in the fun when PFK volunteers visited the Nashville Rescue Mission for Women and Children. Over 30 children enjoyed the Pizza Party, games and gifts provided by the group. This is the sixth year that PFK volunteers have visited the shelter.

CITY: CLE/Cleveland, OH

COORDINATOR: Andy Adams

PARTICIPANTS: United, Southwest, Jet Express, ABXAir and Ladies from the 99's

Cleveland PFK members had two visits. The first visit was to The Cleveland Christian Home, where the group visited boys 12 - 18 years old. Volunteers engaged in spirited conversations about aviation and let the group examine airplane instruments and approach plates and maps. After the talks, the boys all received radio controlled drones for their rooms.

The second visit took place after the holidays at The Cleveland Clinic Children's Ward. This was a room to room visit, where volunteers met with the children and their parents. The plush animal gifts were warmly received.



PFK members in CLE visited children at the Cleveland Christian Home and the Children's Ward of The Cleveland Clinic. The volunteers provided gifts and provided lots of information about aviation to the youngsters.



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

Once again, the Colorado PFK “troopers” poured it on, and visited 5 local shelters where the need was significant... and palpable. Four of the shelters have been long-term PFK sponsorships, while the fifth was new for 2015 – Shiloh House - which serves children, 5-18 in overcoming the impact of abuse, neglect, and trauma. Similar to all of our shelters, their mission and circumstances are challenging and heart-wrenching. However, through the leadership of our All-Star coordinators (Lizette Stuber, Mike Everist, Jolanda Witvliet, Shelly and Brian Smith, Dana Evert, Bos Bosler, and Bill Anonsen), the children have benefited immensely from their serious concern and generosity. Finally, a special salute to Scott and Diana Ginn, who, after many years of leading our Family Life Services commitment, have relinquished command to Bill Anonsen.....Many thanks to Scott and Diana!



PFK volunteers in DEN enjoyed visiting children at five Denver area shelters throughout the holiday season. You may notice that many of the youngsters have covered their faces for photos; this is due to the sensitive nature of children being housed in shelters that deal with abuse, neglect and trauma. Congrats to the Front Range volunteers who had another successful year!

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CITY: ATL/Atlanta, GA

COORDINATOR: Don Myers

PARTICIPANTS: Delta, Endeavor, PSA, ExpressJet, NetJets, Frontier, Shuttle America, American, Envoy

PFK members in ATL enjoyed several visits to Hughes Spalding Childrens Hospital and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The group delivered a multitude of gifts and good cheer to the youngsters and their families.



Above, ATL PFK members enjoyed their visits to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital.



CITY: ANC/Anchorage, AK

COORDINATOR: Martha Service

PARTICIPANTS: FedEx

It was another successful year in Anchorage with the Pilots for Kids visits. Over 20 uniformed FedEx Pilots, spouses, family members and Santa join us on December 15, 2015 for visits to two local hospitals (Providence and Alaska Native). In addition, a small contingent deliver gifts to the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. As in previous years, volunteers also delivered wrapped gifts to the local Clare House (an emergency homeless shelter for women and children).

The group distributed over 200 wrapped gifts, parent gift bags, candy canes, chocolates and a huge amount of Christmas cheer. PFK was joined by their favorite singing quartet who entertained all throughout the visits! The turnout for this worthwhile event was outstanding and the response from those visited was heartwarming.

Coordinator, Martha Service, would personally like to thank Amy Carman, Kim Meeds, Karin Evans, Rose Colbern and Vicki Ramage for helping to make Pilot for Kids 2015 a huge success. It was a team effort, and these individuals were instrumental in making the visits a success. Everyone agreed that this was a very successful and heartwarming event.



Above and left, PFK volunteers in ANC enjoyed another successful year visiting three area hospitals and a homeless shelter during the holiday season. Over 200 gifts were distributed by the 20+ PFK volunteers. Their hard work was rewarded by the happy faces of the recipients.

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Above and left, PFK volunteers from NetJets delivered gifts to over 70 children through the Columbus Homeless Families Foundation.

CITY: CMH/Columbus, OH

COORDINATOR: Paulette Gilbert

PARTICIPANTS: NetJets



In the spirit of the holiday season, the NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP), NetJets Aviation, Inc., and the Columbus chapter of Pilots For Kids (P4K) partnered in support of the Columbus Homeless Families Foundation, an area charity that serves families and children in need. The pilot union distributed gifts to more than 70 children who were given the opportunity to make a Christmas wish. Dressed in uniform, a contingent of pilots sat with the children and watched as they opened their gifts during the mid-December Christmas party.



Gifts were collected in the weeks prior to the distribution as NetJets employees had the option of making an online donation or taking an envelope from the gift tree and purchasing the requested item. More than 150 gifts were wrapped during a three-hour party held in the NetJets Flight Center. The generosity shown by the pilots and their NetJets peers was overwhelming as the conference room was filled to capacity with gifts.



Pilots then gathered to offer Christmas cheer and to distribute gifts at the Foundation. They were joined by a representative from Congresswoman Joyce Beatty's office, who offered words of encouragement and praise to the children. NJASAP considered it a privilege to have the opportunity to serve area children for a second year in a row.

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: EWR/Newark, NJ
COORDINATOR: Brian Heron
PARTICIPANTS: UAL, CAE Simulator Training, Frontier and ExpressJet

A small group of volunteers got together for the 2015 PFK visit to St. Joseph Children's Hospital. Last year the group was not able to visit with the children due to visitor restrictions related to concerns about Ebola and the flu. However, PFK donated several boxes of toys outside the hospital to the Child Life Specialists.

This year, visitations worked out very well. Volunteers had over 55 gift bags assembled and organized by ages and gender which were delivered to individual patients. There were lots of happy smiling children and grateful parents. This is one of the best feelings of participating in PFK!

This was the group's eighth year of doing PFK visits and they are excited about future events. Coordinator, Brian Heron summed up the group's feelings, "Sometimes the best gift that we can get out of doing a PFK visit is the smile or laugh from a sick child and a big hug or handshake, or just a thankful nod of appreciation from a stressed out parent."



Above, a dedicated group of PFK volunteers from EWR enjoyed their 8th annual visit to St. Joseph Children's Hospital. Congrats to this dedicated group of pilots again this year.

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CITY: LAS/Las Vegas, NV
COORDINATOR: Gary Dolson
PARTICIPANTS:

Again this year four pilots visited the UMC Children's Hospital in Las Vegas. The group took age appropriate gifts for boys and girls and enjoyed visiting with the youngsters as they handed out the presents.

UMC Children's Hospital helps families that are less fortunate and the families are very excited when Pilots for Kids representatives make a visit. Parents and children generally get big smiles when volunteers arrive and the pilots are always happy to have participated.

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

On January 20, 2016, PFK volunteers in MSP hosted about 60 children and staff at St. Joseph's Home for Children. This shelter houses youngsters ages 6-17. PFK provided an afternoon of pizza, entertainment, games and crafts. Half of the 50 pizzas ordered, along with other food donations, were taken to a nearby overnight shelter that houses young adults ages 17-21 who come off the streets to sleep in available beds each night.

According to coordinator, Stephanie Laidlaw, "Our visits really make their day...And ours too!"



Above, MSP volunteers enjoyed their visit to St. Joseph's Home for Children on January 20, 2016. They enjoyed pizza, games, crafts and entertainment with the youngsters.



Above and lower left, FSD volunteers spread holiday joy as they visited young patients at Sanford Children's Hospital and Avera Hospital. The happy faces of patients and staff show how much their visit was appreciated!

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

A dedicated group of PFK volunteers spent December 16th visiting with young patients at Sanford Children's Hospital and Avera McKennan Hospital. Armed with over \$1500 in toys, games, plush airplanes and more, the uniformed pilots had the great pleasure of surprising and bringing a smile to the faces of several children and their families facing the stress of receiving treatment during an otherwise happy time of year.

This was the fourth consecutive year a Pilots For Kids event was held in Sioux Falls. New this year was an event at Sioux Falls' other large healthcare facility, Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center which was added to the fourth annual visit to Sanford. As the photos indicate, a great time was had by all!



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Monday, May 23 2016



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CITY: DFW/Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

COORDINATOR:

PARTICIPANTS: American, Southwest, NetJets, ExpressJet, Envoy

Three dates...three hospitals. December was a busy month for PFK volunteers in Dallas/Fort Worth. Over 70 volunteers supported the efforts of Pilots for Kids during the holiday season.

On December 3rd Pilots for Kids visited Cook Children Hospital in Fort Worth. Over 23 DFW pilots and flight attendants volunteered their time to make a child's day a little brighter. The pilots delivered toys, balloons, pillow pets and restaurant gift cards to patients. The Child Life Specialists meet with PFK volunteers to figure out what toys are most appropriate for each patient. Pilots grouped together in threes and fours and visited the hospital rooms for the toy delivery. Volunteers saw 176 children and 43 babies in the NICU. It was an amazing day, making children smile while they recover in the hospital. Extra toys were left at the hospital for future patients.

On December 4th, 13 pilots and sponsors visited Scottish Rite Hospital. Volunteers visited several outpatient children and 18 inpatient children. PFK passed out Melissa and Doug Toys, Pillow Pets, jewelry and lots of cool aviation balloons. All the items that were left over were given to the hospital to pass out to future patients. This was another great time allowing PFK to make a child's day a little brighter.

On December 16th, Pilots for Kids visited Childrens Medical Center in Plano. Over 35 pilots volunteered to help pass out toys to 145 outpatient and 26 inpatient children. PFK arrived with toys that included Pillow Pets, Melissa and Doug toys, jewelry and great aviation balloons. It was another great day of making each child's day a little brighter. After the event, all of the toys that were left over were again left at the hospital for future patients.

Right, PFK volunteers in DFW visited three area hospitals spreading cheer throughout the holiday season. They delivered balloons, gifts and good cheer everywhere they went.



Welcome New PFK Members

Craig Abbott	Skywest Airlines	Hansel Duran	Allegiant Air
Aaron Adrian	Endeavor Air	David Eastty	Air Wisconsin Airlines Corp
Tarek Alem	ExpressJet Airlines	Cameron Edwards	ExpressJet Airlines
Shay Allen	Endeavor Air	Peyton Eustis	Atlas Air
Douglas Alte	Dellts Air Lines	Brandon Falzon	SkyWest Airlines
Philip Altieri	Alaska Airlines	Christopher Fanone	Envoy Air
Christian Amaral	United Airlines	Wade Farrar	Endeavor Airline
Frank Ancona	United Airlines	Jerome Fath	Virgin America
Roger Anderson, Jr.	FedEx Express	James Fingerman	NetJets
John Antoniadis	USA Jet Airlines	William Flory	Republic Airways
Jolynn Barbao	Alaska Airlines	Skip Fox	American Airlines
Steven Bauer	PSA Airlines, Inc.	Bill Fox	United Airlines
Buppachart Blue	SkyWest Airlines	Jeremy Freismuth	Cathay Pacific Airways
David Booth	PSA Airlines	Alexander Garcia	Allegiant Air
Steven Boyd	LECO Corporation	Zach Gerbner	Mesa Airlines
Mitch Brantner	USAF and Compass Airlines	Tim Gleeson	Mesa Airlines
Steve Brashear	United Airlines	Cole Goldenberg	Mesa Airlines
Aymeric Buchwald	Republic Airlines	Steve Gratwick	Endeavor Air
Austin Calvert	Republic Airlines	Tim Green	American
Iauran Canatella	American Airlines	Anusha Gregory	Corporate Flight Management
Michael Carroll	Envoy Air Inc.	Kevin Gregory	Chantilly Air, Inc.
Adam Casson	Endeavor Air	Robert Griffith	ExpressJet
Jared Cederstrom	Shuttle America	Myles Grimm	Mesa Airlines
Kirk Choquette	Republic Airlines	Charles Grumbine	PSA Airlines Inc
Jeff Christman	Southwest Airlines	Dale Gustafson	United Airlines
Michael Ciabattoni	PSA Airlines	James Haldeman	ExpressJet Airlines
Lucas Clair	Compass Airlines	John Hannan	ExpressJet Airlines, Inc.
Jennifer Clark	Shuttle America	Ian Hanobeck	ExpressJet Airlines
Robert Clausen	United Airlines	Bjorn Hansen	American Airlines
Shawn Clayton	Delta Airlines	Benjamin Harris	Expressjet
Michael Cleveland	Air Wisconsin Airlines	Navid Hassani	Endeavor Air
Adam Cohn	Republic Airlines	Mark Hatem	Shuttle America
John Coomes	Shuttle America	Scott Hedge	Delta Air Lines
Teresa Cooper	ExpressJet Airlines	Jacob Hepfinger	Mesa Airlines
Daniel Cotter	Plane Insights Flight School	Reid Herman	Compass Airlines
Ryan Crabbe	United Airlines	John Hicks	United Airlines
Donnielle Crossman	United	Kolton Holmes	Endeavor Air
Joseph Crudo	ExpressJet Airlines	Kenneth Honneffer	Air Wisconsin Airlines
Mark Crystal	ExpressJet	Matthew Hood	Netjets Aviation
Rebecca DeGroot	ExpressJet Airlines	Kyle Hruz	Endeavor Air
Casey Delaney	United Airlines	Terri Hull	NetJets Inc.
Jason Detwiler	Frontier Airlines	Evan Hunt	Envoy Airlines
Shane Dougal	Delta Air Lines	Amjad Husein	Republic Airways
Mike Doyle	American Airlines via USair via America West Airlines	Johan Intgroen	American Airlines
Pete Driver	Virgin America	Jason Johnson	Republic Airlines
		Bryan Johnson	SkyWest Airlines

Welcome New PFK Members (cont.)

Scott Johnson	FedEx	Nathan Perry	Air Wisconsin Airlines
Katja Jourdan	Trans States Airlines	Matthew Phelps	Republic Airlines
Byron Keeling	Republic Airways	Jordan Pollock	Delta Air Lines
Sung Kim	Republic Airways	Colleen Prairie	PSA Airlines
Jonathan Kitsch	Compass airlines	Tim Prather	
Marie Kogiso	PSA Airlines	Bartholomew Putt	ExpressJet Airlines
Ryan Kollberg	Compass Airlines	Dejan Rajkovich	United Airlines
Kasiri Landon	Mesa Airlines	Andrea Ratfield	Delta Air Lines
Mike Lange	Delta Air Lines	Barrett Ratliff	Air Wisconsin
James LaRosa	United Airlines	Omid Razbani-Tehrani	ExpressJet Airlines
Jason Layman	NetJets	Eric & Kimberly Ricciardone	NetJets
Vincent Lehmann	ExpressJet Airlines	Laurie Riebeling	FedEx Express
Pedro Leroux	Netjets	Tom Roaa	ExpressJet Airlines
Lori Logeais	Republic Airlines	Ari Rose	Expressjet
John Love	United Sates Marine Corps	Tom Rossow	ExpressJet Airlines
Kyle Lucas	American Airlines	Jeff Ruetz	NetJets
Michael Luckstone	Spirit Airlines	Steven Runnels	ExpressJet Airlines
Brian Madeley	United Airlines	Justin Salter	PSA Airlines
Shawn Maes	Republic Airlines	Mariano Sanchez	SkyWest Airlines
Tine Martinelli	PSA Airlines	Tyler Sanders	ExpressJet Airlines
Joseph Marx	Compass Airlines	Amy Savitsky	Southwest
Victor Mason	Alaska Airlines	Kenneth Schreiber	AA
Amber May	ExpressJet Airlines	Martha Service	Fedex
Patrick May	FedEx	Jameson Shonk	Jetblue Airways
Kimberly Mayfield	United Airlines	Rori Shonk	Jetblue Airways
Mike McBride	Air Wisconsin	George Sickels	ExpressJet Airlines
Chad McElmurry	Republic Airlines	Steven Sierra	Endeavorair, Inc.
James Mejia	United Airlines	Dwayne Smith	American Airlines
David (Patrick) Miltenberger	JetBlue Airways	Ken Stone	Delta
Mark Mitchell	JetBlue	Lisa Strohschein	SkyWest Airlines
Howard Moody	Live Nation	William Sweeney	Kansas City Aviation Center
Jeff Moore	Republic Airlines	Kimberly Talleur	Netjets, Inc.
Robert Moore	Mesa Airlines	Ryan Tapia	Compass Airlines
John Morgan	Alaska Airlines	Eric Tatko	Expressjet Airlines
Brian Moynihan		Andrew Teigen	Compass Airlines
Jeff Muhlenkort	United Airline	Lynsey Templeton	United Airlines
Sean Naslund	SkyWest Airlines	Rye Thompson	United Airlines
Georgia Nichols	Children's Med Center Plano	Erik Timpane	SkyWest Airlines
David Nichols	Spirit Airlines	Stephen Tremain	United
Alex Nikle	Compass Airlines	Michael Troxell	GoJet Airlines
Timothy Nunes	ExpressJet Airlines	Richard Tulloch	Envoy Air
Glenn Nylander	Delta Air Lines	Joseph Turner	Republic Airlines
Austin O'Neal	Jet Logistics	James Tymczyszyn	American Airlines
Stacy Okland	Delta Airlines	Jordan Urbanczuk	XOJET
Jeff Olekszyk	Fedex	Santiago Vargas	Express Jet
Greg Pattie	Expressjet	Brent Vetter	SkyWest Airlines Inc

Welcome New PFK Members (cont.)

David Voss Trans States Airlines
 William Vuillet US Navy
 Eric Wandel United Airlines
 Erik Wichmann United Airlines
 Reed Willis Compass Airlines
 Sandy Wilson-Barnes United retired
 Andy Winslow Alaska Airlines

David Wood United Airlines
 Hank Woodward JetBlue
 Chris Wright US Coast Guard
 Jamie Wright United Airlines
 Patricia Wright
 Eric Yoder Endeavor Air
 Arya Zayghami PSA Airlines

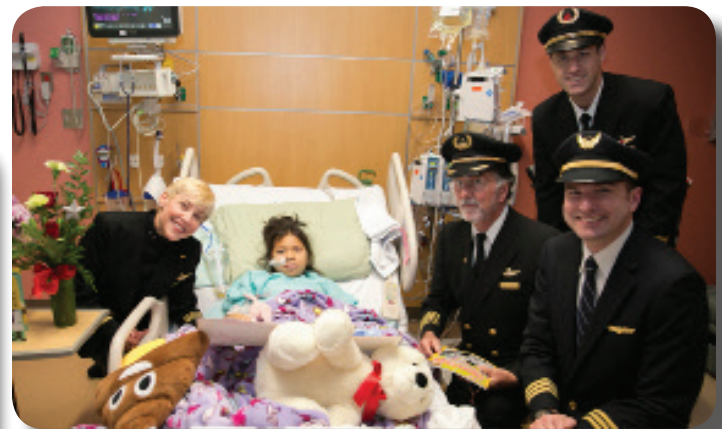
CITY: GUM/Guam
COORDINATOR: Chuck & Ivy Heberle
PARTICIPANTS:

An enthusiastic group of volunteers in Guam met on December 19th to spread holiday cheer by visiting youngsters at GMH (hospital in Guam). They delivered cartloads of gifts and enjoyed the wonderful experience.

PFK also supported Erica's House, a family visitation center in Barrigada, Guam.

CITY: SEA/Seattle/Tacoma, WA
COORDINATOR: Barry Sacks
PARTICIPANTS: Delta, United and Alaska

December 15th was a special day at Mary Bridge Tacoma Hospital. Pilots representing Pilots for Kids met to visit with hospitalized children and deliver special gifts and good cheer. Everyone had a wonderful time as they brightened the day for a number of area youngsters.



*Erica's House,
 Warm wishes during this Holiday
 Season and throughout the
 New Year.*

*Happy Holidays
 and
 Thank you for your support!*

*From Erica's House Board
 &
 Staff*

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
 peace, good will toward men.*

- Luke 2:14

*Wishing you the blessings of
 Christmas now and throughout
 the coming year.*

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Above is a thank-you card from Erica's House for the support provided by PFK. Left, PFK volunteers enjoyed visiting with young patients at GMH during the holiday season. Photo above, PFK volunteers in SEA visited patients at Mary Bridge Tacoma Hospital during the holidays.

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CITY: MIA/Miami, FL

COORDINATOR: Daniel Molina

PARTICIPANTS: ABX Air, UPS, United and Delta

Santa and his enthusiastic friends at PFK brought cheer to youngsters in the Miami area again this year with two events. The group delivered gifts and cake to the happy children.



Above, RDU volunteers made their seventh annual trip to WakeMed Children's Hospital visiting over 30 youngsters and delivering pizza and gifts.



CITY: RDU/Raleigh/Durham, NC

COORDINATOR: Ken Worsham

PARTICIPANTS: Southwest, JetBlue, Delta and Various Others

On December 19th RDU Pilots made their 7th annual visit to WakeMed Children's Hospital. Volunteers saw over thirty kids, bringing them lots of gifts and smiles. The group then made a second round delivering pizza. This is always a great hit with the kids and their parents.



Above, MIA flight crews representing PFK made two holiday visits this year, spreading joy to nearly 100 youngsters. There were plenty of smiles wherever they went.

Coordinator, Ken Worsham, would like to thank all who participated and helped make this such a successful event. He would also like to thank Child Life Specialist Susan Davis who will be retiring this year, for her support and commitment to PFK over the years.

CITY: IND/Indianapolis, IN

COORDINATOR: Dan Ferracciolo

PARTICIPANTS: Beck's Seed corporate pilots, Delta, American, Shuttle America, Republic, Air Wisconsin, USAF and FedEx pilots, Delta ramp, flight attendant, gate and ticket agent personnel, Republic Airlines corporate folks, daughters of pilots, wives of pilots (including a certain Commandress, aka the admiral), Marcus, the Flight One founder, and Bob... the gentleman who made 80 plus really cool wooden airplanes for the kids

Three children's hospitals, two pre-school campuses, drones, and one sensational Indy PFK Season!

Volunteers kicked off the 2015 season with the annual visit to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital on November 30th. 12 Indy PFK members conducted traditional room to room visits on both floors of the hospital. Pilots sought out and engaged numerous targets of opportunity in the halls and playrooms too. The patient census was relatively light (a good thing) for such a large facility, but PFK was still able to visit about 30 kids and their families.

IU Riley North was next on December 2nd. Five pilots...one charged up drone...DANGER! Volunteers broke out a drone (one of the gifts to the older kids) and demonstrated (not so precisely) remote flying skills in a couple rooms with older kids and later in the lobby. The group was able to distract (crashing a drone in a hospital room can be distracting) about 20 kids and their families from the reason they were hospitalized during the holiday season.

The St. Mary's kids broke the bank this year (thanks to so many generous contributions). On December 4th and again on December 9th PFK visited both campuses of St. Mary's Child Care Center. Nearly 100% of the St. Mary's kids live in poverty. All 164 of the pre-schoolers received a Build-a-Bear, pilot hat and sunglasses, gender appropriate activity tin, foam gliders, coloring books, pilot wings, stickers, and cool airplane trading cards. More importantly, they were read to, they were taught to perform a flight control check and fly around the room, and they got a lot of positive personal attention from some authority figures in blue suits and funny hats.

Riley Children's Hospital capped off the season and wow, what a turn out! 39 Indy PFK members (including spouses and offspring) met in the Child Life Center at Riley downtown on December 11th. Over the course of two and a half hours, 135 patients and family members signed in to the room and circulated among numerous gift tables and craft stations. PFK members engaged the kids while handing out gifts, regaled them with flying stories (mostly true) and assisted in craft building. This year, thanks to a generous donation from the Central Indiana Woodworkers (CIWW), one of the crafts was a beautiful solid wood aircraft model. The kids quietly painted and decorated their models while pilots eagerly taught them how to fly them.

"Special thanks to Lori Walton of FedEx Services, who facilitated FedEx's donation of 350 Build a Bears to Indy PFK, Shelia Turman, Flight Ops. Admin Assistant, who always comes through with huge quantities of speaker bank materials for us (foam airplanes, coloring books etc), and Bob Chastain of CIWW, who worked with Indy PFK member Scott Taylor to build from scratch over 80 wooden airplane models for the kids. And, as every year, special thanks to Indy PFK member Mike Meskis for coordinating our downtown Riley event."

"From infants, to pre-schoolers, to teenagers, and even one adult (who still had a childhood cancer), we provided age appropriate gifts and some holiday cheer to A LOT of people in 2015. We were able to distract them from their medical condition or life circumstances, if only for a moment, and brighten their day. Year after year, you make this possible. During an already hectic and expensive time of year, you graciously volunteer your time, money, energy and talents, all for the kids. It's a privilege to be your Indy PFK Coordinator. Thank you." Dan Ferracciolo



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: IAD/Washington, DC
COORDINATOR: Julie Callens
PARTICIPANTS: 8 Airlines, several corporate pilots

PFK had another great year in Washington, D.C. with Pilots for Kids volunteers from several corporations and over 8 different airlines taking part in this years' festivities. The group was able to visit four local hospitals and deliver gifts to sick children.

As an added bonus, the staff at the National headquarters of the Airline Pilots Association in Herndon, Virginia, had a toy drive benefiting PFK and the group was blessed with an additional 75 toys that were delivered to deserving children!



Above and below, PFK volunteers from IAD showed their holiday spirit by visiting youngsters at four local hospitals during the holiday season.



Above and left, PFK volunteers in IND visited three children's hospitals and two pre-school campuses during this years' holiday events. It was unforgettable!



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CITY: MCO/Orlando, FL

COORDINATOR: Ludwig & Anchorelle van Sprang

PARTICIPANTS: UPS, JetBlue, Netjets, SWA, Delta, USAir, Pinnacle, Signature Flight Support and Cessna Citation Service Center

Pilots for Kids in MCO again visited three hospitals this year with the help of about 20 PFK volunteers.

Groups met at the White Wolf Cafe on Orange Avenue. Volunteers “fueled up” on coffee, chatted with old friends and made some new friends as they enjoyed a delicious breakfast. The White Wolf generously allowed PFK to use their location as their “Balloon fill station.” Following breakfast, the groups visited youngsters at the Nemours Children’s Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and the Florida Hospital for Children. At each hospital, volunteers were met by the awesome Child Life Program coordinators and their team members. Armed with airplane balloons and a variety of age appropriate gifts, volunteers set out to bring some joy to the kids. MCO volunteers also visited the Russel Home for Atypical Children to hand over a check from PFK. All of the visits were a great success again this year. It is always a very gratifying, but also a very humbling experience and those who participate don’t soon forget.



Above and right, PFK volunteers in MCO visited three Orlando area hospitals during the holiday season and brought cheer to a wide variety of children.

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: ORD/Chicago, IL

COORDINATOR: Kathi Hurst

PARTICIPANTS: United, ExpressJet, American Eagle, Shuttle America, Skywest, Spirit and Delta

ORD volunteers visited two hospitals this year. The first visit took PFK members to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. The second visit was to Lurie Children's Hospital. Five PFK pilots met with about ten kids who came to the Family Life Center. The group also left several gifts for the children who were not able to attend the group event.

This year ORD PFK volunteers held a wonderful fundraising event organized by Ryan Feltis and his fiancée, Wendy. The event was hosted at TopGolf Naperville and was attended by pilots from 7 different airlines: United, ExpressJet, American Eagle, shuttle America, Skywest and Spirit and Delta. With this event Ryan raised over \$2000 for Pilots for Kids and 4 new members joined.



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