

30,000TH CANCER PATIENT FLIGHT FOR CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK

The stock market's recent fluctuations may alter the spending patterns of consumers this holiday season, but the staff and volunteers at Corporate Angel Network know that there are some things in life that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. On October 15, CAN celebrated its 30,000th patient flight when long-time CAN participant Liberty Mutual flew 54-year-old lung cancer patient Jennifer Aja-Thresher and her son from Atlanta to Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for a clinical trial. As on all CAN arranged flights, Jennifer was able to avoid the hassle and risk of infection associated with crowded commercial travel. On this momentous occasion, CAN extends its heartfelt thanks to Liberty Mutual and all the corporations and fractional jet owners whose commitment to public service make this charitable work possible. While we join with investors everywhere who can't wait for the Dow to climb back above 10,000, the number we look forward to reaching is bigger and as meaningful to us: our 40,000th patient flight.



(L to R) Son Steve Aja accompanying patient Jennifer Aja-Thresher on CAN's 30,000th patient flight greeted by Liberty Mutual flight attendants Ginger Devlin and Suzy Santay.

CAN RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD AT NBAA CONVENTION

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) celebrated its 61st Annual Meeting and Convention, October 6-8, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

This year NBAA recognized CAN along with several leaders in business aviation for their efforts to further the industry in a variety of ways.

NBAA's Ed Bolen, President and CEO, and Al Ueltschi, founder of FlightSafety International, presented the Albert Ueltschi Humanitarian Award to Corporate Angel Network for its continuing service in arranging free flights aboard business aircraft for cancer patients traveling to potentially life-saving treatment. Peter Fleiss, the group's Executive Director, accepted the award on behalf of all the people who contributed to CAN's success. He gratefully acknowledged the volunteers, organizations, publications, Board/Advisory Board and financial donors who generously lend their support, as well as the participation of the more than 500 major US corporations that offer empty seats to cancer patients. "They understand the benefits of combining business activity with corporate social responsibility," he said.

Also receiving awards were George Saling, former vice president of Aviation & Travel Services for Altria Corporate Services, Inc.—a CAN participating Company—and Phil Boyer, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.



(L to R) CAN Executive Director, Peter Fleiss, FlightSafety International Founder, Al Ueltschi; NBAA President & CEO, Ed Bolen, NBAA Chairman, Jeff Lee.

From the Executive Director

This has been an exciting year for CAN. We flew our 30,000th cancer patient on a Liberty Mutual corporate flight (a supporter of CAN since 1991) from Atlanta to Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, enabling a 54-year-old patient with lung-cancer to participate in a clinical trial there. The National Business Aircraft Association honored CAN with the Albert Ueltschi Humanitarian Award at their annual convention and CAN was selected to be the financial beneficiary of the NBAA Charity Gala.

Business aviation is the lifeline in CAN's ability to help cancer patients receive the best possible treatment. During these challenging economic times, some corporate flight activity has slowed and some flight departments have closed completely. CAN, however, has still been able to arrange flights to treatment for nearly 250 patients a month.

It is because of the support of our corporate participants, volunteers, Board and Advisory Board, organizations, publications and financial donors that CAN is able to help thousands of cancer patients. These patients join us in extending heartfelt thanks.

Peter H. Fleiss

THEY GIVE THEIR TIME AND KNOW-HOW TO GET CANCER PATIENTS TO TREATMENT

“Hello, this is Ken at Corporate Angel Network, and we have scheduled you on a corporate flight to visit your doctor in New York.” More than 250 cancer patients receive calls like this each month.



Director of Volunteers: Vicki Blucher.

“Ken” is one of many dozens of volunteer schedulers, researchers and other contributors who have formed the vital link between corporations flying for business with empty seats and more than 30,000 cancer patients needing to travel for treatment since CAN was created a quarter century ago. What these volunteers actually do on a day-to-day basis for CAN is the subject of this story. In future articles we'll take a look at the volunteers themselves – who they are, what drives them to help this humanitarian cause, and what they

have learned about the transportation needs and patterns of cancer patients across America.

Vicki Blucher, who's responsible for recruiting and training the volunteers at CAN, says they touch every level of operations, dealing with patients and their families, physicians, major treatment centers, corporate flight departments and the media.

“Our people donate anywhere from a few hours to a few days each week,” she says. “It adds up to a significant trained work force that's involved every day in extending the lives of cancer patients.”

Some of the volunteers enter corporate flight schedules into CAN's secure database so the “universe” of available flights will be immediately available at each of the 17 work stations set up for staff and volunteer use. When phone calls come in from patients looking for a lift, volunteers can quickly determine if a corporation has



Staff and volunteers working to match patient flights with corporate flight schedules.

a currently scheduled flight that might work.

The first step in every contact with a new patient involves making certain several basic requirements are met. One rule is that the patients must be ambulatory and able to climb the steps set up for boarding the corporate jet. Another specifies that the patient should require no special treatment during the flight including the use of portable oxygen equipment. Patients are asked to wear casual business attire.

Following initial patient registration, volunteers turn to their computers to try and find corporate flights that match the request. Patients always are cautioned to try to obtain a back-up flight on commercial aircraft in the unlikely event that their corporate flight might be cancelled. In some instances, volunteer workers help arrange ground transportation at the point of departure and the destination.

“This customer-service part of our effort is very satisfying,” Vicki Blucher said. “But there are other areas of service that enable our volunteers to get more deeply involved in the growth and success of CAN.”

Five volunteers now are engaged in directly recruiting new lift capacity for CAN. “This is a key sales job and it involves serious research and good telephone sales skills. Some people are uncomfortable with the cold-calling part, but those who do it well make a huge contribution to our success.”

The development work also involves placing pro-bono print ads in national magazines. The ads, designed and written as the contribution of a New York advertising agency, French/Blitzer/Scott, LLC, have become a significant factor in recruiting new patients as well as corporate participants with empty seats for CAN patients.

CORPORATE ANGEL AWARD CHECK TO CAN



(L to R) Ed Bolen: NBAA, Ken Emerick and Bill Spittler: General Motors, Keith Sawyer: Chevron Global Aviation, Peter Fleiss: CAN accepts \$28,000 check from Tom Henricks: AVIATION WEEK (B/CA), John Rosanvallon: Falcon Jet, and Ryan Campbell and Sean Davis: Meredith Corporation.

October was a good month for Corporate Angel Network. In addition to receiving the Albert Ueltschi Humanitarian Award and a check for \$50,000 from Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, CAN also received \$28,000 as a result of the Corporate Angel Award.

Corporate Angel Award recognizes Corporate Angel Network participating corporations and their flight departments for exceptional contributions to cancer patients. Initiated in 2001 the Award, is co-sponsored by Chevron Global Aviation, NBAA, Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, and *Business & Commercial Aviation* magazine. This year's recipients were General Motors, Air Frantz, Bank of America, and Meredith Corporation. Each company's flight department was recognized with a full-page ad in *Business & Commercial Aviation* magazine and received \$2,500 worth of Chevron aviation fuel. Net proceeds from the ads totaled \$28,000 and were donated to CAN in a check presentation ceremony during the NBAA Convention.

PASSUR DONATES SOFTWARE TO CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK

PASSUR Aerospace owns and operates a unique database of flight information with proprietary decision-making software, primarily powered by a growing international network of passive radars (PASSURs) located at more than 85 airports worldwide, including 33 of the top 35 US airports. It's PASSUR FBO software provides real-time visual flight tracking and web dashboards. In June, the company donated PASSUR flight tracking solutions to Corporate Angel Network.

PASSUR FBO™ gives CAN the ability to track patient flights and potentially provide a less stressful, more predictable and timely flight experience – important concerns for cancer patients flying with CAN.

"The PASSUR flight tracking system is a real benefit to our operations," said CAN's Executive Director Peter Fleiss. "It displays all the flights we have going on a given day and enables our staff and volunteers to easily see if there are going to be delays, enabling corresponding ground transportation adjustments." Staff and volunteers at CAN gratefully acknowledge this donation.

CAN Flight Lines CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK

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Based in White Plains, New York, Corporate Angel Network operates out of offices donated by Westchester County Airport. With the assistance of referring physicians, corporate flight departments, and leading treatment centers, a team of 50 part-time volunteers and five full-time staff arrange nearly 3,000 flights a year.

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LIMOLINK INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES CAN WITH A GRANT FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION

This year, LimoLink International, a preferred provider for many *Fortune 500* flight departments, generously gave Corporate Angel Network a grant for \$23,000 worth of chauffeured services to help transport cancer patients from point-to-point anywhere in the United States. This provides great flexibility for staff and volunteers at CAN in scheduling patient flights and expediting travel arrangements, especially for those patients who live in rural or suburban areas. LimoLink also devotes countless hours and resources to support NBAA.

LimoLink has demonstrated its commitment to assisting our cancer patients and we thank them for their valuable contribution.

SAFE FLIGHT DONATES \$50,000 TO CAN'S MISSION

In 1981, Corporate Angel Network was established, and the very first flight brought a 16-year-old cancer patient home to Detroit following treatment in New York City. That flight was undertaken by Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, a pioneer in aviation safety and performance since 1946 and long-time supporter of CAN. In a demonstration of its ongoing commitment to supporting cancer patients, Safe Flight donated \$50,000 to CAN to help carry out its mission. "Safe Flight is happy to be able to support cancer patients in their effort to access the best available treatment." said Randall Greene, Safe Flight's President and CEO.

26th Anniversary Party For CAN Volunteers

On August 7th, Corporate Angel Network held a party for staff and volunteers at the picturesque Windmill Club, a swim and tennis club on a private lake in Armonk, New York. As in years past, 50 members of CAN threw away their calorie counters for one night to eat, drink and be merry while they raised their glasses to toast another successful year of providing invaluable assistance to cancer patients and their families. It is the selfless work of volunteers that help CAN each and every day to achieve its mission of alleviating the burden of cancer patients traveling to treatment. The accompanying photos show some of the multigenerational merriment that transpired in the name of a very good cause.



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PATIENT LETTER

September 28, 2008

Dear Friends at Corporate Angel Network,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for providing and facilitating my husband and me with a Corporate Angel flight on September 24, 2008. The volunteers in your office, notably, Wally, Mike, Teresa, Judy, and Nancy did an outstanding job in terms of placing me on a flight close to my home.

My immune system has been compromised many times after taking commercial flights, following my treatments. I have been hospitalized twice, not because of my cancer, but because of infections that I have picked up after commercial flights. For this reason, I am extremely appreciative of your efforts. It was a Godsend for me.

The Honeywell people and the crew gave me VIP treatment, and made the flight most enjoyable. May God bless you all always. You have touched my soul, and I will never forget.

Sincerely,

Gloria Flanagan



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