



LIFELINE PILOTS

the shortest distance between home and hope

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Lana and Paige enjoying the ride to Indiana



Lana, Adam, Paige and Darmin ready to make the journey with volunteer pilot, Tex Hull

FAMILIES' HOPE SUSTAINED BY GENEROUS VOLUNTEER PILOTS

Every parent knows that children require sacrifice and a willingness to do whatever you can for that child's well being. Sometimes that sacrifice means asking for help and moving to where your child can receive the best medical treatment. For the sake of three year old Paige's health, Darmin and Lana decided to temporarily relocate to a family members' home in southern Indiana from their home in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. By doing so, they would be closer to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital where Paige would be receiving her bone marrow transplant along with a series of treatments. Volunteer pilot, Tex Hull, graciously facilitated this mission to relocate the family. LifeLine Pilots is looking forward to receiving the call that Paige is doing better and the family is ready to return to Grand Rapids.



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- *LifeLine Pilots' Aid Kits
- *EAA AirVenture 2009
- *Acknowledgement of LLP Donors



Noah with his parents, Ernest and Nelly, & volunteer pilot, Ross Wear

*Established in 1981,
LifeLine Pilots' mission is to facilitate FREE
AIR TRANSPORTATION THROUGH VOLUNTEER PILOTS
FOR FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED PASSENGERS WITH
MEDICAL/HUMANITARIAN NEEDS*

From Lansing, IL to Philadelphia, PA, Noah's family travels to see his specialist. With the assistance of Angel Flight East, LifeLine Pilots is able to assist the family. Thank you to volunteer pilots Ross Wear, Richard Lawrence, Brad Stoltzful and Richard Howell for flying this mission.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHELLY LIVENGOOD, DEVELOPMENT/MISSION COORDINATOR

Shelly joined LifeLine Pilots in January 2008. She attended Illinois Central College. She had worked as a Paralegal/Legal Assistant for the past 8 years. She has been very involved with fundraising for Ducks Unlimited and the Dream Factory. She has enjoyed mission coordination and is now very excited about taking on the challenge of continuing and increasing LifeLine Pilots funding.

LORI COFFEY, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Lori joined LifeLine Pilots in February 2009. She received her Associate's Degree from Illinois Central College and a B.S. in Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lori worked for five years in biomedical research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. She has been an active volunteer for the past 7 years with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), increasing funds and awareness for type 1 (juvenile) diabetes. As Volunteer Coordinator for LLP, Lori plans to increase awareness of LLP's mission in the local community and recruit potential donors and dedicated volunteers who will help further our mission.



**Keith Laken, Executive Director; Lori Coffey, Volunteer Coordinator;
Shelly Livengood, Development/Mission Coordinator;
Karen Halverson, Assistant Director**

WELCOME NEW PILOTS

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| Akins, William | Holland, Carl |
| Bizzell, Donald | Holland, Reggie |
| Boccaccio, Donald | North, John |
| Boulanger, Peter | Powell, Phillip |
| Coady, Michael | Schue, Margaret |
| Hasselhof, Gert | |

VOLUNTEERS HELP US TAKE FLIGHT

We are excited to announce that our Volunteer Recruitment program is well underway at LLP. We hosted an Open House on Saturday, March 28 to make the local community more aware of the mission of LLP and to get potential volunteers through our doors. The Open House was very successful. We are also advertising for volunteers in area newspapers, volunteer websites, and through word of mouth.

Interested and eligible volunteers will be trained and supervised by Lori Coffey. She will work with each individual volunteer's talents, abilities and schedule to maximize their productivity. Some examples of possible volunteer projects are:

- *Assisting with large mailings
- *Assisting with our upcoming fundraising banquet
- *Distributing promotional materials to hospitals, social workers and physicians' offices
- *Contacting print/TV media in other cities & states when a mission is taking place for possible media coverage



**Open House at the
LifeLine Pilots' office in Peoria, IL**



**Ross Wear,
Pilot and Office Volunteer**

We have already had great success with one volunteer, who also happens to be a Volunteer Pilot with LLP. **Ross Wear** is using his knowledge as a pilot to assist with the huge task of updating our Pilot Database. He is calling all active pilots to ensure that their contact and aircraft information is correct. Ross is encouraging the pilots to log into the database on their own, which is a timesaver for our staff. Finally, Ross is asking the pilots if they would be interested in helping recruit potential donors or volunteer pilots. Thanks, Ross, for your contribution to LifeLine Pilots!!

Be watching for further news regarding volunteer happenings at LLP! Volunteers are going to help us take flight as we continue to grow the mission of LifeLine Pilots.

**THANK YOU TO BYERLY AVIATION AND THE
EXPLORERS GROUP FOR ASSISTING
WITH THE OPEN HOUSE!**



1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

LifeLine Pilots is very excited to announce our first annual banquet to be held at the Byerly Terminal at the General Downing Peoria International Airport. The following is a list of items needed to make the event a success.

- * Volunteers needed to work on event day
- * Donated new and/or homemade auction items
- * LifeLine Pilots' Volunteer Pilot speaker
- * LifeLine Pilots' former or current passenger speaker

Please consider what contribution you can make to this exciting new venture. If you can contribute, please contact Shelly Livengood at 309-369-1559 or at missions@lifelinepilots.org.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

LIFELINE PILOTS' AID KITS

Many hands make light work! LifeLine Pilots is looking for many hands to help with the tasks of educating others about our mission. Whether it is those needing the help, wanting to help or donate to the organization, all must be reached out to in order for LifeLine Pilots to continue its valuable service. A new initiative is taking shape. As a volunteer in this new process, you will receive a LifeLine Pilots "Aid Kit." Each kit provides the tools necessary to educate a target group; volunteer pilots, passengers and donors.



Pilot Aid Kit Includes:

1. Instructions/Suggestions along with background information on LifeLine Pilots
2. Volunteer Pilot Packets
3. Info Stand for FBOs
4. DVDs
5. Pilot Brochures



Outreach Aid Kit Includes:

1. Instructions/Suggestions along with background information on LifeLine Pilots
2. Brochures
3. Info Stand for Referral Sources
4. Question/Answer Sheets
5. DVDs



Donor Aid Kit Includes:

1. Instructions/Suggestions along with background information on LifeLine Pilots
2. Estate Planning Information
3. Donor Envelopes
4. Brochures
5. DVDs

To receive an "Aid Kit," please contact Karen Halverson at 309-229-0400 or at karen@lifelinepilots.org.

2009 EAA AIRVENTURE



JULY 27TH - AUGUST 2ND

Promoting General Aviation has become critical with all the negative legislation attempting to tax and regulate the flying industry. A major new theme of EAA this year is Fly 4 Life. Fly 4 Life will showcase the overwhelming depth of good accomplished by General Aviation. The large display will be on the southern edge of the Aero Shell Square. Volunteer Pilots, please take some time to check it out during your visit to AirVenture to receive your complimentary token of thanks.

LifeLine Pilots will be returning to our AirVenture home at booth 2055 in Hangar B. Volunteers are needed to assist with the manning of the booth. Exhibit hours are 9 am to 5 pm each day. If you would be willing to talk to attendees about your experience as a volunteer pilot for LifeLine Pilots or to volunteer for the Fly 4 Life booth, please contact Lori Coffey at volunteer@lifelinepilots.org or at 309-229-0531 to let her know of your availability. Volunteers will receive a LLP t-shirt and our sincere appreciation of helping to promote the organization!



Three year old Rigger and his mother, Mary, on their way from Wyoming to treatment at the Children's Hospital in Denver, CO. Thank you to volunteer pilot, Mike Forney, for making this trip possible for Rigger.

Thank you to WMBD-TV of Peoria, WEEK 25 of Peoria and the Peoria Journal Star for helping with media attention for the Open House



Christina, accompanied by her husband, William, traveling to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. They were able to do so thanks to volunteer pilots Mike Samp (pictured) and Dick Miller.

LifeLine Pilots is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that facilitates free air transportation through volunteer pilots for financially distressed passengers with medical or humanitarian needs. LifeLine Pilots is funded entirely through the generosity of foundations, corporations and private donors. Program services and outreach initiatives are met through ninety-five cents of every dollar raised in support of our mission. Your generous, tax-deductible donation will enable us to connect more volunteer pilots with needy passengers. *LifeLine Pilots sincerely appreciates your commitment to our mission.*



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HAPPEN ONE FLIGHT
AT A TIME*