

Pilots for Patients News

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Western Tennessee and the Mississippi Valley

Thank You

As we begin a new year I wanted to reflect on the mission and purpose of Pilots for Patients. Being one of the few 'non-pilots' who "wishes-I-were-a-pilot", my involvement reflects the passion we all have for our organization. In addition to our mission, a few of the reasons for both pilots and groundlings to be excited about what we do are:

- This organization is a great way for pilots to build flight time and proficiency while helping a patient;
- Pilots for Patients is an awesome non-profit in its financial transparency and accountability;
- Pilots for Patients has established connections throughout the region with like minded organizations and people that have aligned themselves with the mission;
- Pilots for Patients has an amazing ratio of low administrative expenses to valuable donated services.

In spite of all of this we still do not want to lose sight of our mission which is

"The mission of Pilots for Patients is to provide free air transportation to those patients needing diagnosis and treatments at medical facilities not available to them locally. Our goal is to eliminate the burden of travel allowing the patient to concentrate on getting well."

Having personally flown with some of you, I understand the benefit of getting out of that plane and walking into an FBO. What a comfort and convenience we provide a patient, allowing them to concentrate and focus on the last part of the mission statement "GETTING WELL." That is the purpose, goal, mission, desire, dream, faith, and motivation for me and for all of you that are involved in this wonderful program.

In my business, 98% of high net worth households donate to charity in some fashion. The uncertainty in the economy affects many financial decisions including those related to philanthropy. However, the number one reason people give is the belief their gift will <u>make a difference.</u> A second reason for giving to a particular organization is the belief that the organization is <u>efficient</u> in its use of donations. When reviewing these statements and knowing what we are trying to accomplish, I think what a well/healthy life is worth. Think of what a difference a dollar given to this organization makes when another fellow human can have such a hope.

I am thankful to be part of an organization that does make a difference and gives people a chance for a healthy life. Having a personal involvement since 2002 in helping patients find private transportation, I take great satisfaction in the stories of the fight to have that healthy life, no matter the outcome. We are not giving up on one single patient when others do. We hate to miss any one flight because that particular flight could be the one that helps in so many ways.

The pilots receive a personal thank you from a patient each time a flight is made. Without you, the patient cannot concentrate on getting well, and so I also add my own personal THANK YOU to all of our Pilots for all of your efforts to make our organization so successful in carrying out its mission.

I also thank all of you who gave funds in the past and will continue in the future to help our patients get well. The return we get from your dollar cannot be measured. This is why we board members are faithful stewards of every dollar, knowing that each dollar has an impact on a life. THANK YOU for giving.

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Headed to Houston



Patient Geraldine Brewer and her son Reginald are ready to fly to Houston for her treatment

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Dale Rini and her daughter (patient) Bethany Price



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2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

2011 was a year of growth and milestones

23 new pilots joined Pilots for Patients...of those 15 flew at least one mission. These 15 pilots flew 72 missions....1 pilot flew 18 missions!
391 missions were flown, a 26% increase (81missions) over last year.

136,506 miles flown **1477.8** hours (Hobbs time) flown

Of our 82 active pilots, 56 pilots flew at least 1 mission – 68% !!

Pilot Donald Imhoff (Baton Rouge) flew/drove the most missions – 52.

Our **1000th** mission was flown on July 25, 2011.

Pilot of the Year - Don Imhoff from Baton Rouge

82 different patients were flown or driven to and/or from treatment.

78 new patients requested our services (not all flew in 2011)

Most frequent route flown was **Monroe** to **Houston**

Airports used most often **EFD** 121 times **MLU** 110 times

SINCE THE BEGINNING...1/14/2008 TO 12/31/2011

| 264 patients have | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| requested our services | | | |
| 210 have actually flown | | | |
| 159 different airports used | | | |
| 95 pilots have flown/driven | | | |
| at least one mission. | | | |

| re | Year | Missions | Miles | Hobbs |
|-------|-------|----------|---------|--------|
| ces | 2008 | 211 | 68,931 | 467.4 |
| wn | 2009 | 250 | 87,787 | 595.0 |
| used | 2010 | 310 | 114,379 | 879.7 |
| riven | 2011 | 391 | 136,506 | 1477.8 |
| n. | Total | 1162 | 407,603 | 3419.9 |

(Continued from page 1) And to the patients, all who have flown and all that will fly in the future; thank you for believing. Each one of you inspires us to continue as you battle with each personal situation. THANK YOU for being you!! The faith it takes to continue, to believe, to live, will make each person that volunteers and comes into contact with you live a better life. THANK YOU!! Best to each of you in 2012!!! Sal Miletello IV, Board Director.

MISS LOUISIANA 2011 HOPE ANDERSON

Miss Louisiana, Hope Anderson, made Louisiana proud by placing in the top 10 in the Miss America pageant held in Las Vegas on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Hope's platform, Pilots for Patients, continues to be a very important part of her life as she continues to speak to various organizations about our mission of 'Making a Difference In The Lives Of



Others'. To us HOPE means ' $\underline{\mathbf{H}}$ elping $\underline{\mathbf{O}}$ ther $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ eople $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ very Day', and she certainly does that and more. Thank you Hope for helping bring this organization the success we have had in helping others, not only on a local basis, but, on a national level as well.

--- TOP ELEVEN IN 2011 ----

| First | Last | 2011 | Total |
|-------------|---------|------|-------|
| Donald | Imhoff | 52 | 85 |
| Andy | Barham | 40 | 113 |
| Philip | Thomas | 40 | 145 |
| Philip | Coyne | 26 | 53 |
| Wayne | Petrus | 21 | 72 |
| Во | Hunter | 20 | 42 |
| Florence | Bethard | 17 | 17 |
| Michael | Clay | 14 | 19 |
| Bradley | Jones | 13 | 13 |
| Christopher | Trahan | 11 | 21 |
| Doug | White | 11 | 27 |

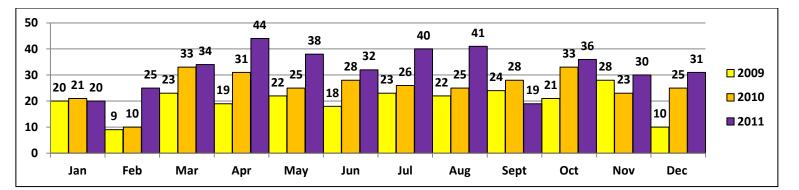
Ground Missions

| First | Last | 2011 | Total |
|--------|-------------|------|-------|
| Donald | Imhoff | 11 | 12 |
| Nancy | Worthington | 4 | 10 |
| Philip | Thomas | 1 | 3 |
| Jan | Rugg | 0 | 17 |
| HM | Butler | 0 | 7 |
| Lori | Dunn | 0 | 2 |
| Mike | Hartt | 0 | 2 |
| Thomas | Dansby | 0 | 2 |
| Bo | Hunter | 0 | 1 |
| Larry | Lehmann | 0 | 1 |
| Morris | Mintz | 0 | 1 |
| Teri | Sims | 0 | 1 |
| Tracy | Hilburn | 0 | 1 |
| Wade | Hosea | 0 | 1 |
| Wayne | Petrus | 0 | 1 |

2009/2010/2011 **Pilots for Patients Missions**

Pilot Mission Count - 1/14/2008 - 12/31/2011

| First | Last | Total | First | Last | Total |
|----------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Ralph | Abraham | 15 | Ben | Hulsey | 1 |
| Edward | Angel | 2 | Bo | Hunter | 42 |
| Warner J | 0 | 8 | Donald W | Imhoff | 85 |
| Bob | Bailey | 4 | John | Jacobi | 1 |
| Everett | Baird | 5 | James | Johnson | 8 |
| Jack | Baker | 2 | Bradley | Jones | 13 |
| Andy | Barham | 113 | Marty | King | 11 |
| Edwards | Barham | 13 | Dale | Lambert | 5 |
| Jason | Barrette | 1 | Daniel | LaRocque | 2 |
| Robert | Bash | 3 | Larry | Lehmann | 33 |
| Florence | Bethard | 17 | Mark | Lobell | 1 |
| Mike | Blakeney | 17 | William | McGehee | 8 |
| Ryan | Blakeney | 2 | Glenn | McGovern | 4 |
| Clifford | Brown | 3 | Mac | McKenzie | 38 |
| Warren | Brown | 1 | William | McMahan | 1 |
| Bill | Buck | 2 | Tara | Milby | 1 |
| Dan | Chase | 18 | Morris | Mintz | 9 |
| Darryl | Christen | 1 | Brooks | Monypeny | 4 |
| Michael | Clay | 19 | Joe | Neathamer | 7 |
| Richard | Cloud | 18 | Robert | Nelson | 1 |
| Arthur | Cole | 3 | Keith | Odom | 69 |
| Ed | Collins | 5 | Daniel | Oppenheim | 3 |
| Philip | Coyne | 53 | Peter | Perez | 1 |
| Chuck | Crochet | 1 | Wayne | Petrus | 72 |
| Quincy | Dalton | 7 | Pilot | PFP | 10 |
| Thomas | Dansby | 3 | David | Powell | 1 |
| Dennis | Daray | 5 | William | Runyon | 29 |
| Carlton | Dufrechou | 2 | John | Rutledge | 8 |
| Robert | Eisenstadt | 2 | Phillip | Schaitel | 2 |
| Allen | Ford | 1 | Terrell | Sharplin | 1 |
| Robert | Gafford | 1 | Riaz | Siddiqi | 13 |
| Jim | Gardner | 1 | Travis | Smith | 6 |
| John | Gaumnitz | 2 | Steve | Smith | 3 |
| Bruce | Goodbee | 1 | Scot | Stanley | 4 |
| Donald | Goodman | 1 | Philip | Thomas | 145 |
| Craig | Gregory | 1 | Christopher | Trahan | 21 |
| Michael | Gusko | 2 | Monte | Warne | 1 |
| Abraham | Hakim | 1 | Robert | Watters | 1 |
| Michael | Hall | 1 | Doug | White | 27 |
| Michael | Harris | 9 | Clyde | White | 13 |
| Jack | Hayhurst | 1 | Guy | Williams | 19 |
| Pilot | HGA | 14 | Richard | Worthington | 10 |
| Wade | Hosea | 8 | | 2 | |





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If you or your organization would like to host a fly-in, fundraiser or other event please contact the Pilots for Patients office. Phone: 318 322 5112 or email: pfp@pilotsforpatients.org

The Jeffrey Wooden Memorial Foundation has again chosen Pilots for Patients to be the benefactor of their 3rd annual WOODYSTOCK GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Black Bear Golf Course in Delhi, LA. Watch your mail and email for more information or please call John Mulhern at 318 728-1417 for details.

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