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# Pilots for Patients News

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## Creative Ways to Give

Pilots for Patients, a public charity pursuant to Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue code, carries out its mission through the unique collaboration of volunteer pilots, who provide the free air transportation, and patrons, who donate money to support its operations. This special partnership between pilots and patrons has enabled over 1,000 medically necessary missions in three and one-half years! We are very proud to know that we are making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors, many of whom, without our help, would have no other options but to sit at home and await their destiny.

With the ever increasing demand for our services, we will have to budget more funds for pilot recruitment as well as management and coordination of so many missions. We need your help! Please consider making a gift to Pilots for Patients that is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Gifts may be made in cash as well as other types of assets such as stock, bonds, life insurance policies, IRA and 401(k) beneficiary designations, and bequests. An example would be the Tax-free Charitable IRA Distributions which has been extended until 12/31/11. It is an opportunity for individuals age 70 ½ or older to distribute up to \$100,000 from their traditional IRAs without having to pay taxes on the distribution. The distributions also could be applied against the annual required minimum distributions. The distribution must be made payable directly to a “qualified charity” and we should be qualified.

We are actually hoping for the gift of an airplane such as a Cessna Caravan eight passenger single-engine turboprop. Gifts of appreciated assets can produce quite significant income tax benefits to you and your family. The tax benefits can be further enhanced by strategies such as charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts. If you have any questions about making a creative charitable gift to Pilots for Patients, please contact your attorney or tax advisor.

Larry Lehmann, a Pilots for Patients board member, and volunteer pilot is also a board certified tax attorney with considerable experience in the law of charitable gift planning. He is happy to meet with you and your advisors to help you craft a giving plan that makes Pilots for Patients a significant part of your personal and family financial mission. He can be reached by calling (504) 525-0815 and by email at [Larry@LNMLaw.com](mailto:Larry@LNMLaw.com).

## Back Home



Pilot Wayne Petrus  
and patient  
Tabitha Soignier

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.

## Patient Locations – over 200 flown



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Patient Katherine Herron  
flying to Houston, Texas



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Thank You  
for supporting  
Pilots for Patients !!!

**Milestone Mission**

While every mission we fly is special, on Monday, July 25, 2011, pilot and president of Pilots for Patients Philip Thomas flew a very special flight... Our 1000<sup>th</sup> mission!! Thomas flew patient Lanece Laseter and her friend Phyllis Malone from Houston, Texas home to Monroe, LA after her treatment. Also on board were fellow director Sharon Thomas and Pilots for Patients spokeswoman, and reigning 2011 Miss Louisiana Hope Anderson. We look forward to continuing our mission of helping.



**PRESENTATIONS EVENTS INFORMATION**

The Dyer County Community Cancer Fund held their 27<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ fundraising event on September 30, 2011 in Dyersburg, TN. This very giving community truly gives from their hearts. Pilots for Patients is a recipient of part of the proceeds from this and other local events. Several people from the PFP family attended this great event (more photos on page 7).



Board members from The Jeffrey Wooden Memorial Foundation stopped by to present a donation check from the proceeds of their annual Woodstock golf tournament held in April at Black Bear Golf Course in Delhi, Louisiana. Pictured are (back row) Pilots for Patients director H.M. Butler, (front row) Kyle and Niki Wooden Stracener, Pilots for Patients director Sharon Thomas, Wooden Foundation member John Mulhern and Pilots for Patients president Philip Thomas. We are so appreciative of their contribution and support.



Our webmaster Rickey Sewell recently added 2 special pages to our website spotlighting our milestone moments and some of our sponsors. Please take a moment and visit the website. There are also links to our Facebook page, pictures taken at our 2011 Awards luncheon, our donation page, and much more.

Since our inaugural flight in January of 2008, 2 of our pilots have each flown over 100 missions. They received their pins at our recent Awards Luncheon. (See who they were on page 4). The picture does not do it justice. The gold pin with diamonds on the airplane's wings is just beautiful.



## TOP 11 IN 2011

First	Last	2011	Total
Donald	Imhoff	53	78
Andy	Barham	40	110
Philip	Coyne	27	49
Philip	Thomas	27	133
Doug	White	21	27
Bo	Hunter	18	37
Keith	Odom	13	69
Christopher	Trahan	11	18
Wayne	Petrus	11	61
Guy	Williams	10	19
Florence	Bethard	10	10

(Oct. 1 2010 - Sept. 30, 2011)

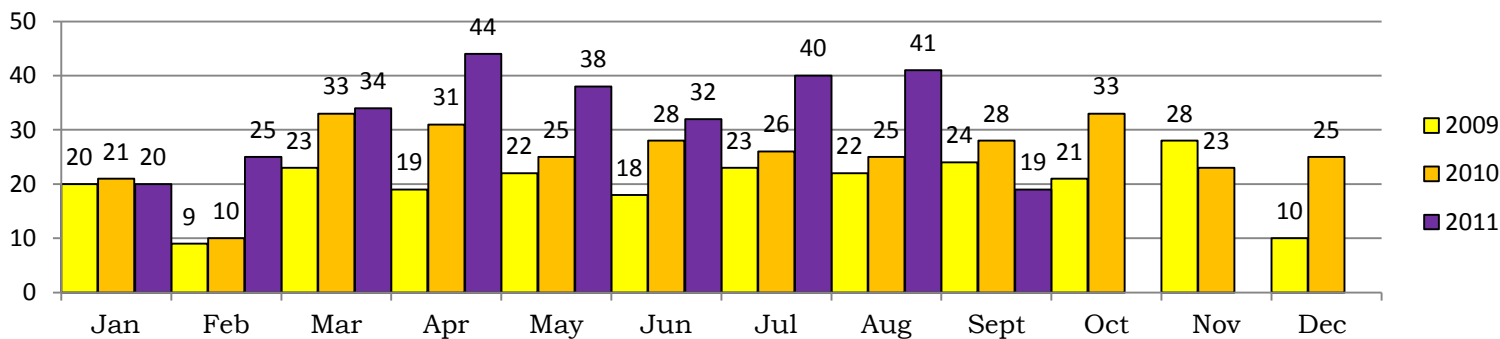
## Pilot Mission Count – 1/14/2008 – 9/30/2011

First	Last	Total	First	Last	Total
Ralph	Abraham	15	Bo	Hunter	37
Edward	Angel	2	Donald	Imhoff	78
Warner	Angelle II	6	James	Johnson	2
Everett	Baird	5	Bradley	Jones	9
Andy	Barham	110	Marty	King	11
Edwards	Barham	13	Dale	Lambert	5
Jason	Barrette	1	Daniel	LaRocque	2
Robert	Bash	3	Larry	Lehmann	30
Florence	Bethard	10	Mark	Lobell	1
Mike	Blakeney	17	Bill	McGehee	7
Ryan	Blakeney	2	Glenn	McGovern	4
Clifford	Brown	3	Dolphus	McKenzie	38
Bill	Buck	2	William	McMahan	1
Charles	Chase	18	Morris	Mintz	9
Darryl	Christen	1	Brooks	Monypeny	4
Michael	Clay	8	Joe	Neathamer	7
Richard	Cloud	18	Robert	Nelson	1
Ed	Collins	5	Keith	Odom	69
Philip	Coyne	49	Daniel	Oppenheim	2
Charles	Crochet	1	Peter	Perez	1
Quincy	Dalton	7	Wayne	Petrus	61
Thomas	Dansby	3	Pilot	PFP	9
Dennis	Daray	4	David	Powell	1
Carlton	Dufrechou	2	William	Runyon	29
Robert	Eisenstadt	2	John	Rutledge	7
Allen	Ford	1	Phillip	Schaitel	2
Robert	Gafford	1	Terrell	Sharplin	1
Jim	Gardner	1	Riaz	Siddiqi	11
John	Gaumnitz	2	Travis	Smith	6
Bruce	Goodbee	1	Steve	Smith	3
Donald	Goodman	1	Scot	Stanley	4
Craig	Gregory	1	Philip	Thomas	133
Mike	Gusko	2	Christopher	Trahan	18
Abraham	Hakim	1	Monte	Warne	1
Michael	Hall	1	Robert	Watters	1
Michael	Harris	9	Doug	White	27
Pilot	HGA	14	Clyde	White	13
Wade	Hosea	8	Guy	Williams	19
Ben	Hulsey	1	Richard	Worthington	10

## Ground Missions

First	Last	2011	Total
Jan	Rugg	17	17
Donald	Imhoff	10	11
Nancy	Worthington	8	8
HM	Butler	7	7
Philip	Thomas	3	3
Lori	Dunn	2	2
Mike	Hartt	2	2
Thomas	Dansby	2	2
Bo	Hunter	1	1
Larry	Lehmann	1	1
Morris	Mintz	1	1
Teri	Sims	1	1
Tracy	Hilburn	1	1
Wade	Hosea	1	1
Wayne	Petrus	1	1

## 2009/2010/2011 Pilots for Patients Missions



### 3RD Annual Pilots for Patients Awards Luncheon



Philip Thomas  
100 mission pin



Pilot of the Year  
Don Imhoff  
Miss Louisiana Hope Anderson  
presenter



Andy Barham  
100 mission pin



Phil Coyne 50  
mission jacket



Mac McKenzie  
longest mission 2010



Don Imhoff  
longest mission 2011



Rickey Sewell  
Webmaster



Lanece  
Laseter



Charles  
Puckett



Sara Grace  
Young



Stephanie  
Bond Temple

Our 3rd annual Awards Luncheon was held in Monroe, Louisiana on Saturday, October 15 2011. Everyone in attendance had a great day of fellowship with patients, pilots, patrons, staff and board members. In addition to some recognition awards and beautiful singing by Jan Clay, attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Duane Humphries of the The Warehouse No. 1 restaurant.

Pictures: **Row 3** (left to right) Pilot Philip Coyne was also recognized for flying the longest single leg mission in 2011. **Row 4** These are some of the patients who attended the luncheon.

Perpetual plaques are given to pilots when they reach 10 missions. A plate is also given to them at the end of the year to put on the plaque showing the missions flown in that year. Plaques were presented to the following pilots: Florence Bethard (Coushatta, LA), and Michael Clay (Monroe).

**PILOT OF THE YEAR TOP 11 FOR 2011**



Andy Barham  
Oak Ridge, LA



**2011 Pilot of the Year**

Don Imhoff  
Baton Rouge, LA



Philip Thomas  
Monroe, LA



Philip Coyne  
Clinton, LA



Doug White  
Monroe, LA



Bo Hunter  
La Marque, TX



Keith Odom  
Monroe, LA



Christopher Trahan  
Lake Charles, LA



Wayne Petrus  
Monroe, LA



Guy Williams  
New Orleans, LA



Florence Bethard  
Coushatta, LA

Pilots not present have been given their plaques: Bradley Jones (Monroe), Riaz Siddiqi (Houston), Marty King (Houston), Dr. Ralph Abraham (Mangham, LA) and Edwards Barham (Oak Ridge, LA).

Special thank you plaques were given to 2 organizations and one individual which support Pilots for Patients.....The Jeffrey Wooden Memorial Foundation, Wish I Could of Northeast Louisiana, and Randy Russell for their financial contributions to Pilots for Patients.

Thank you awards were also presented to our spokeswoman Miss Louisiana Hope Anderson, Director Sharon Thomas, and Mission Coordinator Beth Stone, for their contributions to Pilots for Patients. Congratulations to our Pilot of the Year, our top 11, and to all our Pilots for Patients pilots.

## Mission Milestones

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Pilot(s)</b>	<b>Patient</b>
First	January 14, 2008	Wayne Petrus/Bradley Jones	Linda Fox
100th	July 15, 2008	Wayne Petrus	Alan Smith
200th	December 13, 2008	Clyde White	Johnny Woodard
300th	May 22, 2009	Philip Thomas	Mallorie Byford
400th	November 11, 2009	Mike Blakeney	Larry Kolb
500th	March 4, 2010	Philip Coyne	Christian Billingsley
600th	June 24, 2010	Andy Barham	Dana Strickland
700th	October 20, 2010	Michael Clay	Dealva Auttonberry
800th	February 9, 2011	Ed Angel	Evangeline Henagan
900th	May 9, 2011	Bill McGehee	Gabrielle Butler
1000th	July 25, 2011	Philip Thomas	Lanece Laseter

### Can't Fly ????

We realize there are many reasons why a pilot isn't flying at this time.  
There are many other ways to help Pilots for Patients:

- ✦ Host a fly-in at your home base airport or a fundraiser in your area
- ✦ Man a booth at an aviation event on behalf of Pilots for Patients
- ✦ Make a monetary donation and encourage others to do so
- ✦ Ask your employer about matching funds for volunteer hours and contributions
- ✦ Honor loved ones with a memorial or honorarium gift
- ✦ Offer to fly with a new pilot to help him get acquainted with Pilots for Patients
- ✦ Distribute brochures and posters to Airports/FBOs/Flying Clubs in your area
- ✦ Spread the word about the 3 P's - Pilots, Patients, Patrons

### Did You Know?

You can do so much more on the website than just look at the available missions!

- ✦ Update your pilot info
- ✦ Change your password
- ✦ View your mission records
- ✦ Read what's going on with Pilots for Patients
- ✦ Make an online donation
- ✦ See our YTD mission stats
- ✦ Link to our Facebook page
- ✦ Download forms
- ✦ Request a mission online

Dr. Ralph Abraham is available to give any PFP pilot that has flown 1 mission per year his/her medical exam free of charge. Contact the PFP office to learn more.

### Just a Reminder

- ✦ Once you have accepted a mission, please refer to the Mission Checklist on the back of your ID badge and contact the office if you have any questions
- ✦ Make sure we have up to date copies of your insurance coverage on file at the office. Please fax to the office at 318 388 4924.
- ✦ Please fax or email the Hobbs time and miles as soon after you complete a mission as possible
- ✦ Please take pictures (if the patient is comfortable with this) and send to the PFP office.

### Coordinator's Corner

It is hard to believe another year is nearly over. So many blessings, where do I begin? We flew our 1000<sup>th</sup> mission, we have increased our pilot base to include pilots in the Houston area, and we have already flown over 50 new patients this year in addition to those already using our service.

I am so blessed to have a job where I can be a small part of making a difference in the lives of others. I thank God every day for watching over me and all those involved with Pilots for Patients. He has been with us from the beginning, and will continue long into the future.

I also want to thank the 3 Ps involved with Pilots for Patients.... pilots, patients, and patrons. All are needed to make our organization grow, each contributing to our success in their own way.

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and a blessed New Year. Working together, the future looks bright for Pilots for Patients in 2012.

4th Quarter Birthdays

**October**

Warner Angelle  
William McGehee  
Erle Barham  
Darryl Christen  
Andy Barham  
Arthur Cole

**November**

Chuck Crochet  
James Johnson  
Clyde White  
Michael Harris  
Philip Thomas  
Robert Gafford  
David Neal  
Terrell Sharplin  
Daniel Oppenheim

**December**

Stanly Heckrodt  
Mike Blakeney  
Donald Imhoff  
Bob Bailey  
Michael Gusko  
Dennis Daray

Just wanted to say thanks again for what Pilots for Patients has been able to do for our family. William Adcock

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dyer County Community Cancer Fund BBQ



It was a beautiful fall day on September 30, 2011 in Dyersburg, TN for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dyer County Community Cancer Fund Bar-B-Que. People from all over Dyersburg came together to work, eat and to show their support. Directors Philip and Sharon Thomas, (Monroe, LA) Richard and Hester Hill, (Dyersburg) Pilots for Patients Mission Coordinator Beth Stone and her husband Roy (Princeton, KY) attended the BBQ. Everyone had a great day of fun, good food and fellowship while sharing the mission of Pilots for Patients.



The patients we fly show tremendous courage and hope during their challenging times. They touch our hearts and are an inspiration to me and the pilots who fly them. Many lost their battle this year. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to their families.

Thank you notes

Beth and everyone at Pilots for Patients, Thank you so much for flying me to my appointments at M.D. Anderson in August. Your help is greatly appreciated and I wish I could do more to express my gratitude and thanks. Please know that you, the pilots, and everyone who supports Pilots for Patients are greatly appreciated. Thanks for all you do. Garvriner Harris



Nine year old Monroe, LA area patient Gregory Allen thanked his pilots Wayne Petrus and Bradley Jones in a very special way. Pilots Petrus and Jones recently flew Gregory and his mother Sarah from Monroe, LA to St. Jude in Memphis, TN for treatment and back home.





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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.

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### Thank you to our sponsors and friends

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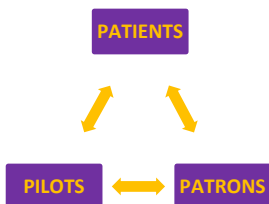
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