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2006 SPECIAL EDITION

THE LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT EDITION

While the operations of LifeFlight of Maine are supported, similar to hospitals, through reimbursement for patient services, it is clear that in a rural state with high numbers of uninsured, and underinsured population, additional funding is needed if Maine is to have a state-of-the-art air medical system.

The LifeFlight Foundation was established in 2003 to provide fundraising and public relations support to LifeFlight of Maine, the state's only medical helicopter service. Additionally, the Foundation's mission is also to help build the infrastructure within the state to make the delivery of air medicine as effective and efficient as possible.

Included in this issue is the listing of all people, foundations and corporations who have generously given of their time and resources, on a cumulative basis, during these first three years.

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Just over one year ago, our Board of Trustees voted to undertake a \$10 million campaign addressed primarily at the funding of the two new helicopters and equipment, which were placed into service in January 2005. Additionally, we are raising funds for Global Positioning System (GPS) navigational aids for hospital helipads, improved weather reporting throughout the state, and assisting hospitals with funding for helipads.

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The new aircraft are truly living up to their advanced billing. In acquiring the new aircraft, LifeFlight's goals were to increase reliability and safety. Our Lewiston helicopter carries two patients together, almost twice a month. The Bangor helicopter, with its additional fuel tanks, has flown many round trips to Fort Kent, Caribou and Presque Isle without refueling; and our neonatal transport isolette has been used to safely fly a 20-day old baby from Belfast to Bangor. Our safety margin has increased vastly now that we are equipped for instrument flight; and being more efficient to fly, operating savings are being realized.

The system continues to grow and LifeFlight will transport over 1000 patients this year.

2006 Highlights

During April, we have reached an important milestone: over \$1 million has now been raised from private sources! Coupled with the \$3 million raised in the 2003 Transportation Bond (for hospital helipads, navigation and weather reporting systems, and a mobile human patient simulator) and \$200,000 from the federal Department of Transportation, the Foundation has now raised a total of \$4,314,000 through April 30, 2006.

Led by contributions from six Maine hospitals for our new aircraft, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, totaling \$240,000, a grant from The Betterment Fund for GPS Precision Approaches at two sites, and continued generosity from patients and friends of LifeFlight, fundraising in 2006 is off to an excellent start. (A complete listing of 2006 donors will appear in a later issue of DISPATCHES).

LifeFlight Foundation Hires Development Director

Tom Judge, Executive Director of The LifeFlight Foundation, has announced the appointment of Daniel G. Raposa of York Harbor, as Director of Development. Formerly the Director of Development at York Hospital, he also served for six years at the University of New Hampshire as Director of Marketing, Corporate and Donor Relations. From 1984-1998, he was Director of Athletics at Berwick Academy and varsity hockey coach. He is a graduate of UNH, where he

also earned a Master of Public Administration degree. Dan is also the founder of the Listen to the Light Foundation, established in 2003 to assist Maine residents challenged by visual impairments as a result of brain injury or surgery.

Dan succeeds the Foundation's founding director of development, Pen Williamson of Warren, who is retiring June 30 after a nonprofit career that has spanned almost 40 years. The former Vice President of Hurricane Island Outward Bound School and Director of Development at Colby College, Williamson has also served as a consultant to many nonprofit organizations throughout the state.



DANIEL G. RAPOSA

LifeFlight Foundation Hires Marketing and Educational Outreach Manager

Tom Judge also announced that Maggi Blue of Warren has been hired as the Foundation's Marketing and Educational Outreach Manager. In this new position, she will be responsible for all publications, publicity, the foundation's website, and outreach scheduling.



MAGGI BLUE

Maggi was a Founder and former Co-Director for the Midcoast Magnet located in Rockland, and principal of her own web and graphic design firm, Magpie Creative. She was the Senior Designer and Consultant to Rockland's MIS Development Authority, and former Executive Director at Community Services Fund, a nonprofit agency located in Nebraska. She began her marketing career working with Burgess Advertising in Portland after graduating from Miami University of Ohio. Maggi currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Midcoast Magnet and the Lincoln Street Center for the Arts and Education.

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LifeFlight is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS).

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The Foundation also aids the development, training and funding of the Maine's major air medical needs, such as trauma training statewide, construction of hospital helipads, and installation of weather reporting, navigational, and communications systems in the more remote sections of the state.

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