

DISPATCHES

photo by Mark Mennie



Two boys, two helicopters, two happy endings

Kody Scott (left) and Devon Maxwell have been friends for as long as they can remember. The high school students grew up together in Lee, just east of Lincoln. Like many rural Maine kids, the boys spent much of their childhood fishing for trout and playing baseball.

As teenagers, one of their favorite places to hang out is at the community teen center, known locally as 180. The two friends were walking back to 180 after a quick trip to the local market when a car came around a sharp bend in the road and struck both boys. The force of the impact sent Kody and Devon flying several feet off the road.

When Lee's Chief of Emergency Services Aaron Knowles got to the scene, he immediately recognized that Devon and Kody were critically injured and would need specialized care from a trauma center as soon as possible, so he called for both LifeFlight helicopters. LF1, the helicopter based in Bangor, arrived at the scene of the accident only 33 minutes after the call was made. The local ambulance crew prepared Devon to be airlifted first. He had

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broken both bones in his right leg, his left fibula, fractured his hand and had a severe laceration on his left eye.

LifeFlight medic Kalem Malcolm remembers asking Devon if he had any known medical problems. The witty reply was, "Well, I guess I do now." It was the first sign that Devon might be OK. The

2 flight crew took him to Eastern Maine Medical Center, and he was in surgery less than two hours later.

In the meantime, paramedics from the

local ambulance service took Kody to Penobscot Valley Hospital in Lincoln where LF2, the helicopter based in Lewiston, met them on the brand new helipad. *

Kody, who had injured his left arm and leg, torn ligaments in his right knee, and fractured

his ribs and collar bones, was lifeflighted from PVH to EMMC in Bangor. He was there for 12 days and underwent two surgeries. There was severe nerve damage in his left arm and for a while Kody and the doctors weren't sure that he'd regain full use of it. Thankfully, though, he has made a full recovery and is back to playing basketball and baseball.



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LifeFlight patients Devon Maxwell and Kody Scott visit the LifeFlight crew. (l to r) Rhonda Scott, Paul Scott, (Kody), Flight Medic Kalem Malcolm, Flight Nurse Missy McCann, Flight Medic Pete Allen, (Devon), Kathy Maxwell and Pilot Matt Deloia.

Devon spent about 15 days in the hospital and had a total of seven surgeries to repair all of his broken and fractured bones. Although he spent quite a few weeks in a wheelchair, Devon has also made a full recovery. He's back to school and looking forward to a year of soccer and skiing. ✈️

Statewide aviation infrastructure project

* Completed just a couple of months before Kody's transport, the Penobscot Valley Hospital helipad was part of an ongoing aviation infrastructure project to build a dedicated helipad at every hospital in Maine. Additional helipads were recently completed at hospitals in Millinocket, Calais, Belfast, Brunswick, Biddeford and York. The project, funded through state transportation bond funds, also establishes weather and navigation systems at airports, hospitals and islands across the state.



Penobscot Valley Hospital, Lincoln



Calais Regional Hospital



Millinocket Regional Hospital

photos by Michele Barker

Profile | Donna Bulger, RN, CCRN, CFRN, EMT-P



photo by Cathy Case

Donna grew up in Corinna, where both of her parents worked for the local ambulance service. When she was a teen-

ager, her father was critically injured while fighting a fire.

These strong ties to the field of emergency medicine led Donna to become a paramedic. She also attended Husson College, where she studied nursing and earned

her degree. She went straight to work in Eastern Maine Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit after college, a job that she loved. But when the opportunity to work for LifeFlight came up, she saw it as the perfect way to combine both her love for critical care nursing and for emergency medicine. As with all LifeFlight staff, Donna is involved in outreach education with a special interest in the care of burn patients.

Donna lives in Winterport, where she spends her free time playing with her dogs, kayaking, hiking, gardening and cooking. 🍴

Leave a Legacy

Make sure LifeFlight will be there when it is needed most.

LifeFlight has a profound impact on people's lives. They often want to show their appreciation by giving back. Through planned giving, people sometimes find that they can make a more significant donation – allowing them to support an organization they care deeply about.

Bequests -- Cash, Personal Property

The simplest and most common way to support LifeFlight is through a gift of cash, either directly or through a bequest in your will.

Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other publicly traded securities can be easily donated to LifeFlight either directly or through a bequest.

Retirement Accounts

Naming The LifeFlight Foundation as the beneficiary of a portion of your retirement

accounts can help you to make a significant future contribution, and maintain your current financial security.

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Giving land, buildings or other personal assets can help assure that LifeFlight will always be available in the future.

Life Income Gifts

Many donors find that a "retained life income gift," such as a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity, is the most appropriate way to support the work of LifeFlight.

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You can name LifeFlight as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, and/or you can transfer ownership of the policy to the LifeFlight Foundation during your lifetime.

For more information, or to receive a booklet on planned giving, call The LifeFlight Foundation at **207-230-7092**.



LifeFlight's AmeriCorps volunteer builds relationships

For the last year, Islesboro resident Mary Hauprich has volunteered with the LifeFlight Foundation through the AmeriCorps program.

In addition to lending a hand around the office, Mary focused on developing training relationships with local emergency medical services and fire departments across the state. She visited more than 100 agencies from Bethel to Fort Kent, speaking with training officers about ground safety and critical care courses offered by LifeFlight of Maine crew members.

Thanks to Mary's efforts, LifeFlight has built stronger relationships with several fire departments and EMS agencies. The flight crew has provided information to these groups about how to help the LifeFlight helicopters land safely at rural landing zones and how to recognize which patients need LifeFlight.

LifeFlight has also provided hands-on critical care training to local EMTs and paramedics through the Maine EMS mobile human patient simulator lab. With the HPS, emergency medical services can customize training specific to each department's needs.

Mary also spent time helping community groups and individuals organize local fundraising events. She played a major role in the Rock for Life benefit concert held in Camden, the Great Hair Day fundraiser in August, and helped to organize LifeFlight's 2nd annual Golf Scramble in Vassalboro.

Though she will be greatly missed, she has left behind many great fundraising and community outreach ideas that will benefit LifeFlight for years to come. 

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Hold your next meeting in beautiful Camden

The LifeFlight Foundation has a conference room overlooking Camden Harbor available to rent. It comfortably sits 16-18 people and comes complete with a whiteboard and conference telephone. Numerous bakeries are within walking distance, caterers available.



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Full day \$100

25% discount for public safety organizations

For reservations call 230-7092.



Summer community fundraising events net more than \$5,500 for LifeFlight

People from across Maine are touched by LifeFlight's service and often want to find a way to give back. This past summer several community fundraising events were held, netting some \$5,500 for LifeFlight.

Rock for Life Concert in the Camden Amphitheater | AUG 7

Camden Hills High School student Jack Hauprich organized a benefit outdoor concert featuring some of Camden's young talent. Donations were collected while listeners enjoyed many different kinds of music.

Central Maine Harley Davidson | AUG 14

For the second time, Central Maine Harley Davidson in Hermon donated the proceeds from their backyard party picnic to LifeFlight of Maine.

Whitewater Rafting Video Awards | AUG 18

Every year, rafting companies on the Penobscot River gather to share videos highlighting the best whitewater action of the season. This year, after one of their own guides was LifeFlighted from a serious car accident in The Forks, Three Rivers Whitewater decided to hold a 50/50 raffle at the event, with all proceeds to benefit LifeFlight.

Guide Olympics | AUG 18

The Guide Olympics is an annual fundraising event in The Forks that features friendly competition among the local recreation guides. This year, the organizing committee decided to donate a portion of the proceeds to LifeFlight, in honor of whitewater guide Kelsey Klibansky, who made an amazing recovery after she was LifeFlighted from a serious car accident in July.

Lovells Guilford Hardware | AUG 20-21

For the second year in a row, Andy and Terry Lovell held a fundraiser for LifeFlight at their family-owned hardware store in Guilford. Their son, Logan, was in a serious car accident in 2007. He was LifeFlighted from the scene of the accident to Eastern Maine Medical Center where he remained for more than 2 months, recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

Lincolnvilve Lobster Bake | AUG 22

LifeFlight patient Cliff Coburn held a community lobster bake at his home in Lincolnvilve, complete with inflatable games for the kids, horseshoe tournaments and karaoke. Cliff was in an ATV accident last year, and after a long recovery, he wanted to give something back to the emergency responders from Camden First Aid and LifeFlight. More than 150 friends and neighbors gathered to support two great causes.

Great Hair Day | AUG 28

The first annual Great Hair Day was organized by AmeriCorps Volunteer Mary Hauprich. Mary traveled around the state asking hair salon owners to donate \$1 from every appointment made on August 28. Salons responded with enthusiasm, many of whom also encouraged their customers to make additional donations.

If you have a fundraising idea for your community, give us a call at 207-230-7092 or email info@lifeflightmaine.org



August 2010 was LifeFlight's busiest month ever

We cared for 165 critically ill people from 63 towns and 33 hospitals. As more doctors and emergency medical providers see the benefits of rapid transport and positive patient outcomes, more of them are making the choice to call LifeFlight.

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August 2010 By The Numbers

165
transports in August

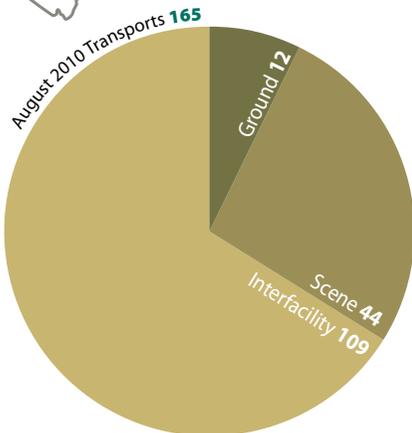
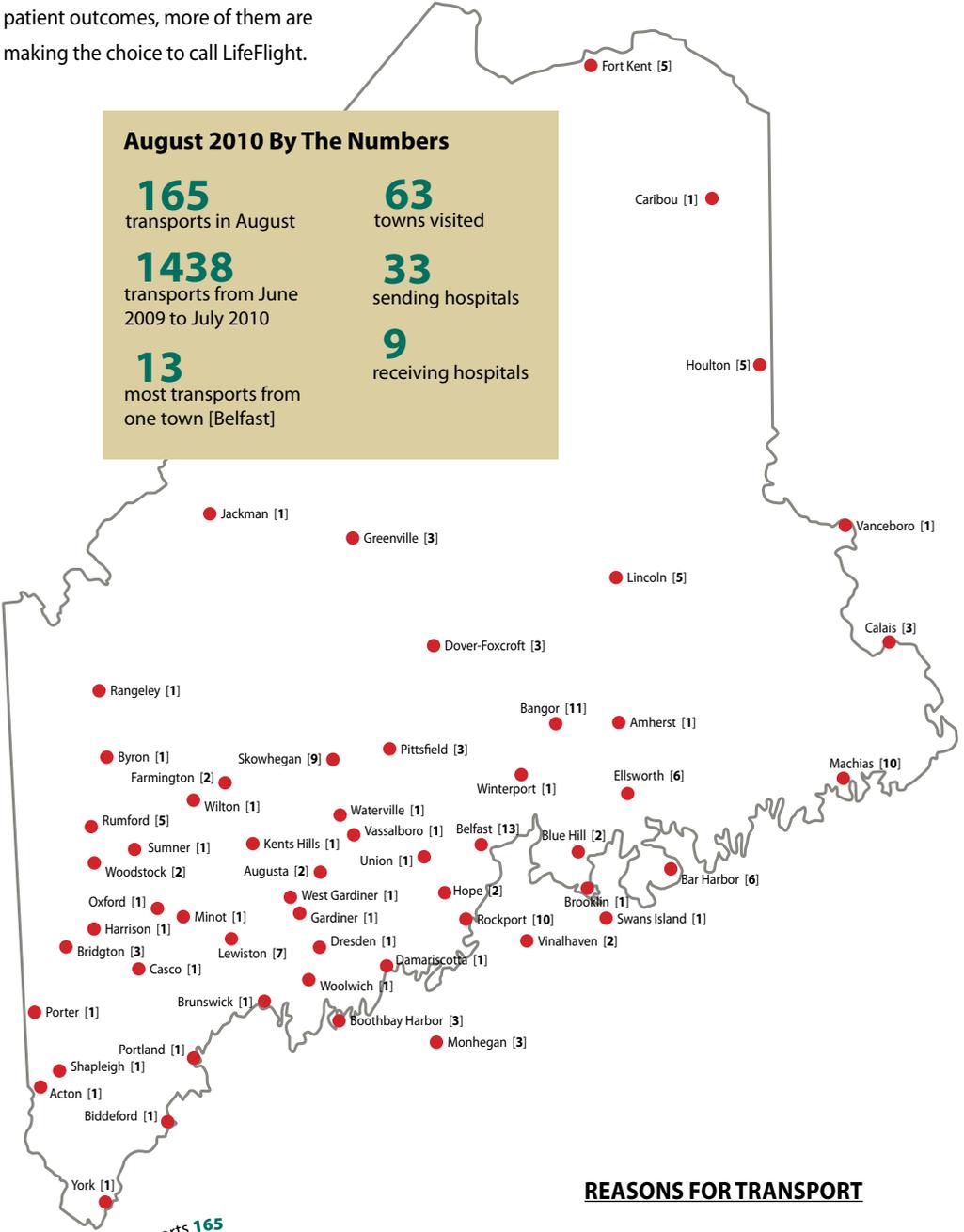
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towns visited

1438
transports from June 2009 to July 2010

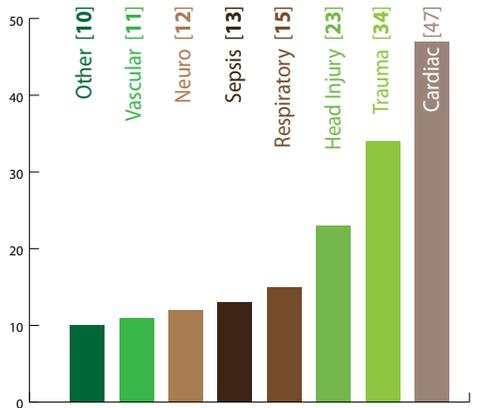
33
sending hospitals

13
most transports from one town [Belfast]

9
receiving hospitals



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GOLF SCRAMBLE

Thank You!

LifeFlight's 2nd Annual Golf Scramble, held this year at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro, was a day filled with friendly competition, great prizes and fundraising for a good cause. We were joined by Gov. John Baldacci, as well as former patients, current board members and even some of our flight crew, who work to help Maine's critically ill and injured patients on a daily basis.

In just our second year, **together we raised more than \$6,000...** double what we did in our first year! These much needed funds directly support the mission of LifeFlight to provide the very best critical care transport to everyone in Maine, exactly when they need it most.

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Save the Date!

Join us next year on Saturday, **July 16**
at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro

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LifeFlight also aids the development, training and funding of Maine's major air medical needs, such as trauma training statewide, construction of hospital helipads, and installation of weather reporting, navigational and communications systems across the state.

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LIFELIGHT OF MAINE

LifeFlight of Maine is a nonprofit statewide critical care medical helicopter service jointly owned by Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems and Central Maine Healthcare Corporation. LifeFlight's two helicopters, based in Bangor and Lewiston and operated by Era Helicopters, cover the entire state and offshore islands. LifeFlight complements and supports the work of local EMS and hospital personnel in caring for the critically ill or injured. Each base is staffed by a highly qualified team of pilots, mechanics, flight nurses and paramedics. More than 11,000 patients have been safely transported since LifeFlight's founding in 1998.

LifeFlight was fully re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems in 2009.

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