



Angel Flyer



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"The shortest distance between home and hope"

Community Rep Program Soaring

Someone once said, "A successful team beats with one heart."

In the Angel Flight world, the beat goes on because our team has a heart for helping others. Besides flying missions, many of our pilots go the extra-extra mile to tell the Angel Flight story in their communities.

The Community Representative program was developed in 2002 to recruit pilots, raise public awareness, obtain funding, promote important legislative initiatives and build relationships.

Gay Catania, AFMA's vice president of programs, says, "It would be impossible to make Angel Flight as well recognized as many other national charities if we were dependent on staff alone



Angel Flight pilot Rick Keys displays his plane at the Oceana Air Show in Virginia Beach Sept. 8-10. Looks like that Tomcat is ready to pounce on the Cherokee!

venues.

Once he or she signs on and receives training, the CR is given an Angel Flight table top display, business cards, pamphlets, and freebies to give out such as pencils and coasters.

Stuffed aviation bears and dogs are popular items which can be offered for donations.



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to reach this goal."

Currently, there are 76 CRs in the Mid-Atlantic region, but more are needed, especially in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Kentucky and Tennessee. North Carolina has added 12 new reps this year.

Catania says it never ceases to amaze her "that active pilots and board members are willing to do even more for us" by serving as community reps.

She describes the ideal candidate as "someone who appreciates Angel Flight's mission, has the time to make a commitment to handle at least two initiatives a month, and is comfortable speaking to groups."

Civic, church, and aviation groups, medical centers, schools, and community events are all good



Gay Catania talks with a passerby at the Cleveland Air Show Sept. 2-4. Over the weekend, 16 volunteer pilots were on hand to staff the booth.



Air shows like Cleveland's afford an outstanding opportunity to tell people about Angel Flight. CRs are needed to get the job done!

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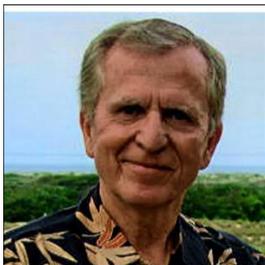
KUDOS TO OUR AIR SHOW VOLUNTEERS!

Oceana

- John V. Adams
- Gordon Daniel
- Ashley Hartman
- Rick Keys
- John Kubik
- David Miller
- Wayne Rhodes
- Leon Roberts

Cleveland

- Rick Sanders
- Jason Roberts
- Charlie Poll
- Larry Beardsley
- Paul Connor
- Darrell Clay
- Rich Arnold
- Jim Hansen
- Steve Weintraub
- Dennis Kudlak
- Jim Kroupa
- Garret Ferrara
- Hank Olden
- Dennis Kudlak



Wayne Rhodes of Virginia Beach is one of our outstanding volunteers.



Pilot Rick Keys was on hand at Oceana to answer questions about the pilot program

Knuckleheads Benefit A Success

Kathryn Ridgeway can't seem to do enough for Angel Flight.

The Fayetteville, Penn., Community Rep and ultra-light enthusiast has staged five benefits for Angel Flight. The most recent was an Aug. 26 motorcycle show and poker run in Chambersburg sponsored by Knuckleheads Motorcycle Center and Fitzgerald Auto Mall.

"My motivation is knowing and feeling that I can help make a difference in someone's life that needs it," says Ridgeway, who has been a CR for two years.

For the Knuckleheads event, 55 motorcycles traveled in a circle to the Franklin County airport where Angel Flight pilot Jerry Edwards of St. Thomas, Penn., keeps his Piper Seneca III.

Some 400 people attended, with registration fees donated to Angel

Flight.

Kathryn notes that she was first acquainted with the organization at an ultra-light fly-in in her state.

"The grandmother just cried and cried"

Executive Director Steve

Patterson from the Mid-Atlantic headquarters was there with an Angel Flight display.

"A woman told Steve that her five-year-old grandson needed medical air transportation.

"Steve made arrangements immediately. The grandmother just cried and cried. Every summer she came to the fly-in and gave a \$50 check for Angel Flight," Kathryn said.



Dear Angel Flight crew,
 THANKS FOR letting David & I fly us to New York, Jim
 K. Flew us the rest of the way home. We thank you for getting us home. You take good care of us and take the time to care. All of the pilots you give our flight — they greet us with a big smile. They always give us a hand shake. You can tell they mean it.

This thank you letter is from Cristina P., a young woman from Michigan who has cerebral palsy and a constant smile.

Angel Flight has flown her and her mother Leanne numerous times.

A talented artist, Cristina enjoys visiting retirement homes and hospices and says, "It feels so good to smile and be happy."

You Can Be A Community Rep!

An opportunity to receive dynamic training as an Angel Flight Community Rep (CR) is just around the corner.

If you want to tell the Angel Flight story in your community in a polished and effective format, now is the time to sign up for an hour and a half training session the Saturday of the banquet "Under the Harvest Moon."

The date is Oct. 21; the time is 11:00 a.m.--1:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Training will be in the Executive Board Room on the eighth floor at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center

Gay Catania, vice president of programs, has developed a high-impact presentation utilizing Power Point and other materials to give prospective CRs the information they need to reach civic, aviation, medical, educational, and church groups, among others.

Call Lissette at 757-318-9174 to sign up for the free training.