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Annual Report

Advancing Medical Transport Worldwide through Support of Research, Education and Outreach
Dear MedEvac Foundation Donors and Friends,

What a wonderful and exciting year it has been for the MedEvac Foundation International as we continue to support the Air Medical and Critical Care Ground Transport Industry.

I’d like to focus on the success we’ve had in many of the programs you support. Our research projects are continuing to focus on important issues in our industry. This past year we funded one of our largest research projects to date, a study on the “Sleep-Wake Patterns and Real-Time Fatigue Reduction in EMS Clinicians.” Additionally, we have been working on our second Economic Impact Study looking at the downstream revenues to a hospital resulting from MedEvac services. Our grant for the “Creating HEMS Capacity in Developing Nations” project has been awarded and we’re looking forward to updating our donors shortly.

We also continue to fund continuing education opportunities, such as scholarships to the AAMS Medical Transport Leadership Institute and the AAMS Safety Management Training Academy. Thanks to your support, we are increasing the number of scholarships we provide for our industry members. Although we hope we never have to use the money, we continue to offer support for the families of crew members who lose their lives while providing air medical and critical care ground services through our Family Grant Fund and Children’s Scholarship Fund.

During AMTC 2014 in Nashville, TN, the Foundation brought back its popular golf tournament and hosted a benefit concert by the Steep Canyon Rangers. We are looking forward to another successful golf tournament and concert at AMTC 2015 in Long Beach, CA.

As you read this letter we have kicked off the Second Great American Safety Drive (GASD). The 2015 GASD is our largest fundraising activity of our current year. During last year’s inaugural event the Foundation raised over $140,000. Our heartfelt thanks go to Howard and Terri Ragsdale and Rod and Judie Crane for their initiative in planning and executing the event. This year’s goal is to raise $250,000 earmarked for safety programs as this remains a top priority for the MedEvac Foundation and the Association of Air Medical Services.

As the Chairman of your Board of Trustees, I recognize that our MedEvac Foundation could not achieve its goals and objectives without your steadfast support. Your tax-deductible contributions are sincerely appreciated as together we are making a difference in the lives of our industry members and supporters.

Your support is crucial to the continued success of the MedEvac Foundation.

Making a donation is easy. To make your gift or pledge this year, please use the inserted envelope to donate, visit the MedEvac Foundation website to make a donation online, or contact our Foundation staff.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Staff, as well as all those we are privileged to serve, “Thank You!”

David P. Thomson, MS, MD, MPA, FACEP, CMTE
Chairman of the Board
Children’s Scholarship Fund

Children who have suffered the loss of a parent in an air medical or critical care ground transport accident are eligible for financial assistance through our Children’s Scholarship Fund. Two $2,500 scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students entering or enrolled in college. One scholarship is for a child who has lost a parent in an air medical transport accident and one is for a child who has lost a parent in a critical care ground transport accident.

Family Grant Fund

Our Family Grant Fund provides financial assistance to families of air and ground medical crew members and their patients immediately following a fatal or serious accident to cover unanticipated expenses. These expenses include travel and lodging, leave of absence, childcare, medical expenses, and bereavement services. Our Family Grant Fund is a gift that does not need to be applied for or ever repaid. The program will distribute checks from MedEvac Foundation directly to the next of kin.

Vision Zero

Upholding safety as the first priority at all levels is essential. Thanks to programs like Vision Zero, promoting a culture of safety is made easily available. Created by AAMS, and funded by the MedEvac Foundation International with generous support from Airbus Helicopters, Vision Zero and the Vision Zero Toolbox provides anyone seeking to improve their program’s or their own personal safety infrastructure. Through the free exchange of information, safety is kept at the forefront of everyone’s mind. Vision Zero and the Vision Zero Toolbox will continue to identify specific products and services that will be available for everyone involved in transport medicine to use in their programs.
MTLI Scholarship

The MedEvac Foundation International awards an annual scholarship to the Medical Transport Leadership Institute (MTLI), made possible through a donation from Metro Aviation, Inc.

MTLI participants develop leadership and management skills through formal education programs. Both management theory and its direct practical application to the industry are heavily emphasized. This scholarship is awarded based on the applicant’s active involvement, industry achievement level, and commitment to critical care transport services.

The 2015 recipient of the Medical Transport Leadership Institute Scholarship was Dr. Andrew Latimer, MD, University of Cincinnati Air Care and Mobile Care Flight Physician.

We admire Dr. Latimer’s dedication to critical care transport and to maximizing patient outcomes during pre-hospital treatment. He is currently an active Flight Physician and Senior Resident at the University of Cincinnati, Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Latimer is also active in the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Air Medical Physician Association (AMPA).

"My motivations to attend MTLI are twofold. I hope to gain leadership and management skills related to critical care transport medicine that are largely ignored in the standard emergency medicine curriculum, as well as foster a larger professional network to bring back to Air Care and Mobile Care as I take a larger leadership role within the program as a senior resident and mentor," says Dr. Latimer.

"We need to use our voices to show the importance of what we do, how we do it every day, and what we can do to make this a safer profession for both air and ground," states Ms. Clark. "I hope to attend the 2015 SMTA and take in as much knowledge as possible from the industry experts and take that knowledge and skill set back to my department and implement new safety practices."

SMTA Scholarship

In response to the need for safety management education for medical transport leaders, the Foundation asked experts to develop a rigorous safety education course utilizing formal classroom hours, mandatory student participation, and written testing. Thus the Safety Management Training Academy (SMTA) was born. The Association of Air Medical Services held the inaugural SMTA at Oglebay in Wheeling, WV in June 2010. Graduates of the two-year program received a certificate of completion and were invited to participate in more in-depth programs on specific safety management topics.

The MedEvac Foundation International congratulates its 2015 Safety Management Training Academy Scholarship recipient Charlotte Clark, EMT-P CCP-C, FP-C, CMTE. Ms. Clark is the Safety Officer and an active Flight Paramedic for Carilion Clinic Patient Transportation and Carilion Clinic Life-Guard in Roanoke, VA. She received the scholarship based on her passion to implement safety and affect change in our industry.

Upcoming MTLI and SMTA Dates:

AAMS Medical Transport Leadership Institute (MTLI)
April 24–29, 2016, Wheeling, WV
April 23–28, 2017, Wheeling, WV

AAMS Safety Management Training Academy (SMTA)
June 13–17, 2016, Carlsbad, CA
Grants

It is crucial that emergency care be available 24-hours a day. However, shift work disrupts clinicians’ regular circadian sleep cycles and their ability to be alert when the pressure to sleep is greatest. Therefore, the Foundation approved funding for Dr. Daniel Patterson to investigate sleep-wake patterns and real-time fatigue reduction in EMS Clinicians.

The overarching goal of the study is to address “Educational techniques and technologies aimed at improving patient care, critical decision making, safety, or other areas pertinent to transport medicine.” The Foundation Board has approved Phase 1 of the study which will involve a prospective observational study of sleep cycles, shift work duration, and behavioral alertness. The analysis of Phase 1 data will focus on differences between 12-hour versus 24-hour shifts.

Dr. Patterson and colleagues also proposed a Phase 2 that will be considered for funding upon completion of Phase 1. Phase 2 would test fatigue risk management intervention to improve alertness of EMS clinicians during shift work as well as their overall health. This study will have a significant impact on the transportation community. The debate on shift duration is unresolved. The relationships between shift duration, sleep, fatigue, and performance are complex and the data to engage in the resolution of this issue is inadequate.

“The Foundation is excited to support this study which I believe is vital to not only better workplace environments, the safety of our industry’s professionals, and of every patient-in-need, but it will help improve the level of patient care to an optimal level,” states Rick Sherlock, MedEvac Foundation International President & CEO.

Great American Safety Drive

The inaugural Great American Safety Drive (GASD), held in the spring of 2014, was a philanthropic event aimed to promote safety in our medical transport programs across the nation. The 2014 GASD delivered safety presentations to 13 different host program locations, in 11 states, to more than 700 audience members across the United States. This two-week event resulted in unprecedented participation numbers for a single industry safety event. The GASD raised over $140,000 to support safety research, education, programs such as Vision Zero, and more.

From Medford, Oregon to Orlando, Florida; from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Phoenix, Arizona; the GASD hit the road once again in 2015 to continue to spread safety messages across our nation and raise crucial funds for the MedEvac Foundation International. Look for the cars at more than 40 programs nationwide and on the AMTC exhibit hall floor. Both routes will conclude in Long Beach, California for the Air Medical Transport Conference on October 19th. Make a pit stop at our website to make your contribution today!

Silent Auction

Thanks to your support, the AMTC Silent Auction in Nashville raised nearly $12,000 last year! We would like to express our sincere thanks to our host MedFlight, our volunteers, and to our generous Silent Auction Donors. The proceeds will support the Family Grant Fund and Children’s Scholarship Award programs. We are looking forward to the continued success and fun of the Silent Auction at AMTC 2015 in Long Beach, California. If you are interested in making a contribution to this event, please contact our Development Assistant, Kathleen Ott at kott@medevacfoundation.org. Every donation, of any size, makes a difference and is sincerely appreciated.

International/Global Forum

The Foundation hosted the 6th Global Forum at the AirMed World Congress in Rome. The topic was “Creating HEMS Capabilities in Emerging Nations.” The attendees had a powerful and effective conversation about lessons learned in their respective countries. The Forum is an event for the industry to come together and discuss a variety of topics that apply globally. Look for our 7th International Forum at AMTC 2015 in Long Beach, California on October 21st.
Special Events

Benefit Concert
The MedEvac Foundation International would like to thank 2013 Grammy Winners, Steep Canyon Rangers for their unforgettable performance at the Ford Theatre in Nashville, Tennessee. We would also like to thank our concert sponsors and every one that took the opportunity to join us for such a wonderful night. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!

At this year’s AMTC, the MedEvac Foundation is excited to host Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys, a western swing/country boogie musical band from California to perform at our benefit concert. Be sure to snag your seat for this event when you register for AMTC 2015!

Golf Tournament
The MedEvac Foundation hosted our 2014 Golf Tournament at the Hermitage Golf Course, General’s Retreat, a Masters Style golf course in Old Hickory, Tennessee. Combined, the golf tournament and benefit concert raised $90,000! This year’s tournament will be held at the extraordinary Skylinks at Long Beach Golf Course. The start time will be 7:30 AM with breakfast and lunch included and an awards ceremony to follow. Don’t forget to select golf registration when you register for this year’s AMTC! 2014 Winners include:

Winning Foursome: Rick Sherlock, Sue Sherlock, Colin Henry, Gordon Sumner
2nd Place Foursome: Seth Myers, Denver Myers, Daniel Sweeza, Joe Grygiel
3rd Place Foursome: Bill Hougland, Sean Mulholland, David Stuhlmiller, Brock Miller
Most Honest Foursome: Bob Brant, Emilio Dalmasso, Joe Hawke, Chuck Ross
Longest Women’s Drive: Denver Myers
Men’s Closest to Pin: James Helkey

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Hero Retrieval: Nashville
The 2014 Nashville Hero Retrieval brought together some of our industry leaders for a common cause; to help the Foundation continue to invest in medical transport research and education programs. Heroes were “kidnapped” and had until sundown to “buy back” their hijacked rotor craft. Mission Accomplished. The Hero Retrieval raised an impressive $140,000. We don’t anticipate another “kidnapping” until 2016, but, in the meantime, we commend the commitment and enthusiasm of our 2014 Hero Retrieval participants.

AAMS Critical Care Skills Competition
Ten air medical transport teams competed in the AAMS Critical Care Skills Competition at the 2014 AMTC in Nashville, TN. Using CAE Healthcare patient simulators, the teams responded to a real-time medical emergency before a panel of judges and an audience of their peers. A standard at AMTCs, the competition always brings out the best from crews around the globe. “Congratulations” are extended to Chad Stoller and Jeff Thomas of University of Michigan Survival Flight who brought the CAE Cup back to Michigan! Congratulations to all of the teams who participated. The Competition will be returning to Long Beach, California. Make sure you stop by to see some of the teams in action.

AMTC Donor Reception
By Invitation Only. The Donor Reception is our formal way to personally thank and publicly recognize our most generous donors of the previous fiscal year (3/1/14–2/28/15). We are very pleased to again acknowledge the generosity of companies that have donated $5,000+, as well as individuals who have given $500+ in support of the Foundation and its mission this past year.

AMTC Donor Lounge
To demonstrate our appreciation for any individual who has contributed at least $250 in the past twelve months as well as corporations giving at least $5,000 the donor lounge debuted at the 2013 AMTC in Virginia Beach. Here you will find a secluded area to sit on a comfortable couch while you access free WiFi so you can check e-mail, call home, meet with colleagues, or enjoy refreshments. Make your donation to the MedEvac Foundation today and earn your admission to the Donor Lounge in Long Beach, California.
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- Intensive Air Sanford Health
- Seth and Denver Myers
- Marsh Corporate Services
- Mayo Clinic Medical Transport
- Milestone Aviation Group
- Timothy and Carolyn Pickering
- Richard Sherlock
- Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society
- James "Russ" Spray
- STAT MedEvac
- Craig Yale
**FY15 Gifts In-Kind (3/01/14 – 2/28/2015)**

- Air Evac EMS, Inc.
- AirLife – Denver
- AirLink Critical Care Transport
- AirMed International, LLC
- Armed Life Flight
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- Baldwin Aviation Safety & Compliance
- Baxter International Inc.
- Bell Helicopter, A Textron Company
- Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing
- Bound Tree Medical
- California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR)
- Callard Company
- CareFlight
- Children’s Medical Center Dallas
- Children’s Mercy Critical Care Transport
- Cleveland Metro Life Flight
- Corvette Museum
- EagleMed, LLC
- Connie and Mike Eastlee
- EHS Lifeflight
- Emergency Health Services Department of Health
- Flight For Life Colorado
- Garmin U.S.A.
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- Golden Hour
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- Jill Johnson
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- LIFE FORCE Air Medical
- Life Link III
- Mayo Clinic Medical Transport
- MedFlight
- Mercy Air Care Mercy Health Center
- Metro Aviation, Inc.
- Michigan Association of Air Medical Providers
- Ministry Spirit Medical Transportation Services
- Medical Transport Company of Arizona (MTC AZ)
- National EMS Pilots Association (NEMSPA)
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital Critical Care Transport Team
- Monica Newman
- North Memorial Air Care
- NSW Air Ambulance
- Oglebay Resort
- PHI Air Medical Group
- Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp.
- REACH Air Medical Services
- Regional One
- Seven Bar Flying Service, Inc.
- ShandsCair Flight Program
- Richard Sherlock
- Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS)
- SkyTrac System, Ltd.
- St. Vincent Life Flight/Mobile
- Stanford Life Flight
- STAT MedEvac
- Tipsy Candle Company
- Turbomeca USA
- University of Michigan – Survival Flight
- University Of Utah Critical Care
- UVA – Pegasus
- West Michigan Air Care

**Financial Summary**

For the fiscal years ending February 28, 2015 and February 28, 2014

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

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**Balance Sheet**

**Assets**
- Cash
- Pledges Receivable, net
- Other Receivable
- Prepaid Expenses
- Property and Equipment, net

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**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses
- Due to an affiliate
- Deferred revenue

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