



# 2007 – Half Year Stewardship Report

*On behalf of our family we would like to send many thanks to the people at Hope Air who made it possible for us to travel such a distance for Shawna to undergo open heart surgery [at Stollery Children’s Hospital in Edmonton] . We can’t stress enough how much we appreciate what you’ve done for us. Shawna is now back home in Newfoundland and doing very well. She plays as any other child her age would. This was Shawna’s 4<sup>th</sup> heart surgery and 6<sup>th</sup> all in total. Once again – thank you so much.*

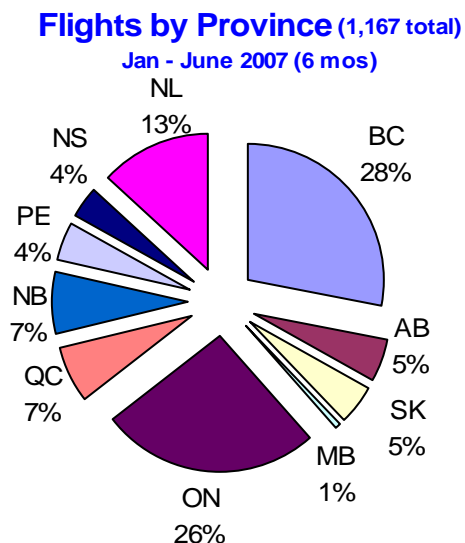
The M Family, St. John’s, NL

*I would like to say “Thank You” to Hope Air for providing this service. The program is well organized and is providing a valuable service to many families, especially from Northern Ontario. I highly praise Hope Air and the Pilots who donate time and air travel to families in need of medical services. Special Thanks to our pilot who went out of his way to safely see us to the hospital. I will never forget your thoughtfulness!*

The N Family, Timmins, ON

## Message from the Executive Director – Doug Keller-Hobson

Quite literally, every day, we receive letters of thanks from Canadians coast to coast who we have been able to help. It is my privilege, as the Executive Director, to be involved with such a tremendous group of dedicated staff and volunteers who make it possible for Hope Air to achieve its mission of *Getting Canadians to getting better*. The first 6-months of 2007 have gone by so quickly and we have accomplished so much: we have assisted more people with Flights than in the same 6-month period in any of 2004, 2005 or 2006; we have created updated brochures so that we can reach out to more people who might need our service; and we have formed new partnerships with commercial airlines, supporters and other like-minded charities. Hope Air’s 21<sup>st</sup> year of service has started off with renewed vigour by everyone involved. To each of you – our vital supporters – I thank you on behalf of all of the Clients we serve. With your continued support the ability of Hope Air to reach out and ensure that fellow Canadians reach the medical care they deserve will continue. Thank you!



The “highest demand” Hope Air routes in Canada are:

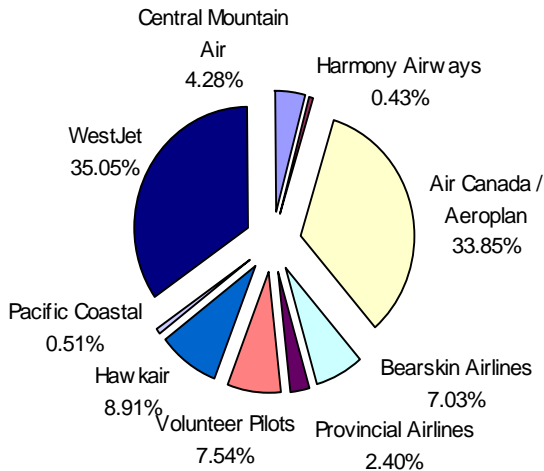
1. Prince George ⇌ Vancouver
2. Sault Ste. Marie ⇌ Toronto
3. Terrace ⇌ Vancouver
4. Timmins ⇌ Toronto
5. Moncton ⇌ Toronto
6. Rouyn-Noranda ⇌ Montreal
7. St. John's ⇌ Toronto
8. Kapuskasing ⇌ Ottawa
9. Charlottetown ⇌ Toronto
10. Kelowna ⇌ Vancouver
11. Regina ⇌ Calgary
12. Happy Valley-Goose Bay ⇌ St. John's

*I'm writing to thank you for all you have done for our family regarding our medical travel between Edmonton and Toronto. Our son, Ty, can receive his surgeries only in Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital. I'm certain that your service has kept us from financial crises' several times since our trips are near impossible to plan with so many contingencies. Your staff work diligently with us to work out what is possible. Thank you Hope Air for helping our family get through some very hard times.*

The L Family, Edmonton, AB

## Flights by Airline

Jan - June 2007 (6 mos - 1,167 flights)



## Airline Partners – they are a life line for so many!

Hope Air is so grateful for the generous support we receive from our commercial airline partners: led by WestJet and Air Canada, but vitally supported so willingly by our regional “friends” such as Hawkair, Bearskin Airlines, Central Mountain Air and First Air. We sadly miss our previous airline supporters Harmony Airways, CanJet and Provincial Airlines.

We welcome new recent partners: Pacific Coastal Airlines, Harbour Air Seaplanes and Air North. Opening up new routes and making air access to medical care is a joint effort by Hope Air and each of our commercial airline partners.

On behalf of every Client who flies on a Hope Air Flight – thank you, our airline partners, for your generosity in *Getting Canadians to getting better.*

## Board of Directors

Hope Air is pleased to announce that at the Hope Air Annual General Meeting held in May, 2007 five outstanding individuals were elected as new members to our Board of Directors. Joining the Hope Air Board as committed volunteers are: **Bruce Bowser** (President and CEO of AMJ Campbell Van Lines, Mississauga, ON); **David A. Caspari**, MD., MBA, (Past President and founder of ChondroGene Ltd.); **Kari Grist** (Vice-President, Marketing with Vancity, Canada's largest credit union and headquartered in Vancouver, BC); **Gerd U. Wengler**, MBA (President, Park Property Management Inc., Markham, ON); and **Don MacLean** (Retired airline executive). The new members succeed former Chair Mr. Justice Tom Lederer, Peter Morawetz, Jill Morison, Lois Scott, and Gavin Welbourn, all of whom stepped down from the Board this year after many years of distinguished service. We thank each of them for all they have done for Hope Air, and welcome our new directors.

## Quick Facts & Other News Items:

- ➔ Enclosed are 2 flyers we have recently distributed: the RBC Rewards insert in August went to over 800,000 customers of Royal Bank of Canada, and the VPP insert has reached over 27,000 private pilots across the country through the generous support of COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association) and WINGS Magazine
- ➔ Our dedicated supporter AstraZeneca Canada has assisted us in so many ways through linguistics support, creative design and printing of promotional materials – to Cathy & Catriona, we can only say “thanks” for all that you have done for us these past 6 months!
- ➔ The continued support of the CBAA (Canadian Business Aviation Association) in its charity golf tournament, profiling of Hope Air at its annual general meeting and continued friendship and support is most appreciated
- ➔ To all of our sponsors and dear Friends of Hope Air – we thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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