



NEWS RELEASE

Hope Air Names New Directors

Toronto, April 12, 2010 – Hope Air, the national charity that provides free air transportation to healthcare for Canadians who cannot afford the flight costs, announces the addition of several new members to its Board of Directors. Approved at the Annual General Meeting were:

- Mr. David Garner, retiring CEO of Green Shield Canada, Toronto ON
- Ms. Darlene Hyde, Principal, the Osborne Group, Vancouver B.C.
- Mr. Phil Sproul, President, Independent Agency Services Corporation
- Mr. Keith Wellon, engineer with senior management experience, Calgary, AB
- Mr. Alec Zimmerman, lawyer with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto ON

The new Directors join seven continuing Board members, while five Directors have retired.

“Hope Air’s new Directors bring a wealth of experience to our charity,” said Board Chair Peter Jennings in welcoming the incoming group, all of whom were present in Toronto for the charity’s AGM. “As we increase our national presence, it is gratifying to see that our Director contingent also reflects that outreach. I know the current Board members join me in saying we look forward to working with our new cohorts and benefiting from their experience.”

The new Directors join sustaining members Sam Barone, Jim Danahy, Karen Gavan, Kari Grist, Blair McRobie, George Mohasci and Gerd Wengler. Biographical information on all Directors can be found at www.hopeair.org.

As well as attending Hope Air’s Annual General Meeting, the Board members participated in a major Strategy Session aimed at consolidating the charity’s mission, communications network and community outreach programs. “This is an excellent opportunity to work closely together and utilize the collective expertise at the table,” commented Doug Keller-Hobson, Hope Air’s Executive Director. “Many of our Directors offer consolidated business and not-for-profit knowledge and this adds great depth and authority to our operations.”

Having completed more than 60,000 missions since 1986, Hope Air is dedicated to making health care accessible to all Canadians.

About Hope Air

Hope Air provides a beacon of Hope for Canadians in financial need who must travel to non-emergency medical care outside their home communities. Many of the charity’s flights are for children and their escorts with transportation donated by national and regional airline partners and a team of volunteer private pilots who contribute their time and aircraft.

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