

Profiles of Hope

1986-2010

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24 years 60,000 flights

Spring 2010

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2010 Annual General Meeting



Mike Schwar & Joan Rogers



Sam Dhebri & Joan; Gerry O'Bonsawin - past award recipient in background

Our new office was the perfect location to host the Board of Directors, Volunteers and Friends of Hope Air at our Annual General Meeting. Executive Director, Doug Keller-Hobson, gave a report outlining the accomplishments of Hope Air in 2009. We were all inspired as Joan Rogers, Co-Founder of Hope Air, shared her passion for our work and encouraged us to be tireless in serving those who desperately need our assistance.

Volunteer of the Year, reflecting his more than 1,766 hours of service over 6 years. Mike Schwar received the Distinguished Volunteer Pilot award reflecting 14 missions - 76 hours of airtime and 8,867 nautical miles flown.

A fond farewell and appreciation of dedicated service was passed on to Bob Reeves, Rob MacLean, Wayne Twaits, Barry Francis and Don MacLean who are stepping down from our Board of Directors. We welcome Dave Garner, Darlene Hyde, Phil Sproul, Keith Wellon and Alec Zimmerman to the Board and look forward to the expertise, passion for our cause and experience that they will bring to Hope Air.

Hope Air is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who assist us in our charitable mission. Recognizing this, a Spirit of Hope award was presented to Sam Dhebri for the Distinguished

Facts 'n Figures

Jan-Mar 2010

- 527** Flights arranged
- Top 3 Routes** Kelowna-Vancouver, Terrace-Vancouver, Sault Ste. Marie-Toronto
- 1,196** Hours of work donated by Volunteers

Spreading the word about Hope Air!

The last thing a charity wants to be is a well-kept secret! How tragic it would be if someone needed a flight and didn't know we existed. Hope Air is pleased to introduce the Community Outreach and Ambassador Program (COAP) that will ensure this doesn't happen! The goal of COAP is to spread the word about Hope Air to frontline support workers (e.g. social workers, healthcare professionals, hospital administrators, parish priests, etc.) who work with those in need of medical service; and people who are possible Clients themselves (i.e. who are in need and must travel for medical care).

We are deeply grateful to the Allard Foundation, Foresters, Green Shield Canada, The Ministry of Health (BC), The Bedolfe Foundation and The J. Armand Bombardier Foundation for their generous support that has enabled us to launch COAP in 2010.

Hope Air expands service in British Columbia

The mountainous terrain and long distances to major cities in British Columbia make travel to health care very challenging for many BC residents. On April 15, the BC Government announced a new partnership with Hope Air as part of their BC Family Residence program.

"Since 1986, Hope Air has arranged thousands of flights for BC residents, many of them children," said Doug Keller-Hobson. "We appreciate the continued and generous support of the Province. It is through partnerships like this that we can continue helping British Columbians connect with the medical services they require."



*Thank you so much for funding the air fare for my daughter Desiree to get to BC Childrens for heart surgery! She is doing great. It was beyond words, how easier it was to fly there & back to Trail with her being sore after & with my 18 month old Noah. My stress & my financial burden was hugely decreased because of your kindness.
Kind Regards,
Lianne
Desiree & Noah*

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