



### Monthly Flight Log

**11/1/2016**

KMKG-KRST  
George Schraft  
and Matthew Tingley  
Cessna 310

**11/3/2016**

KUES-KSEF  
Thomas Wilkoski  
and Jimmy Szajkovic  
Baron

**11/3/2016**

KHOU-KPTK  
Tim Fino  
and Slav Inger  
Seneca

**11/3/2016**

KCMX-KARB  
Mike Miller  
and Larry Fuerst  
Baron

**11/4/2016**

KBIV-KBKL  
Chad L.  
and Larry Fuerst  
Skyknight

**11/5/2016**

KBKL-KBIV  
Chad L.  
and Larry Fuerst  
Skyknight

**11/6/2016**

KGRR-KBKL  
David Siegers  
and Ann Meengs  
Skylane

**11/9/2016**

KMKG-KDAL  
Andrew (Drew) Grooters  
and Larry Fuerst  
Chancellor

**11/9/2016**

KCMX-KARB  
Chad L.  
and Donald Stein  
Skyknight

### From the Staff



*The Board of Directors and Staff of  
Wings of Mercy would like to wish you  
a very Merry Christmas and a  
wonderful New Year!*

### A Patient Story

#### Transplant Patients

On November 23 at 12:07am I received a call from a patient on the kidney transplant list. Teri applied to Wings of Mercy over a year ago and recently updated her records so everything was set on our end; except that I was not prepared for the call. We ask that our patients let us know if they are high up on the list or if the hospital/doctor lets them know to plan for the transplant to happen soon so that we can contact you, our pilots, to see who would be available "on call." This call came as a surprise, and late at night, so of course you wouldn't be checking your email, texts or answering the phone. After an hour of trying to reach any available (awake) pilot, I called the patient and she decided to try to make it to Madison by car.

**11/11/2016**

KARB-KCMX  
Ray Chester  
and Ryan Veenstra  
Socata

**11/12/2016**

KBKL-KGRR  
Vern Eliason  
and Robert Seidl  
Aztec

**11/12/2016**

KDAL-KBIV  
Robert Vandenberg  
and John Van Baren  
Citation

**11/12/2016**

KBIV-KHOU  
Robert Vandenberg  
and John Van Baren  
Citation

**11/13/2016**

KLYH-KMKG  
Bill Klungle  
and Mac (James) McClellan  
King Air

**11/14/2016**

KRST-KMBS  
Charles Binder  
and Brent Kitzman  
Cessna 310

**11/14/2016**

KMGN-KBDR  
John Laws  
and Robert Thoms  
Baron

**11/19/2016**

KHOU-KGRR  
John Laws  
and Kris Anderson  
Baron

**11/21/2016**

KSAW-KDET  
George Schraft  
and Frank Clark  
Cessna 310

**11/22/2016**

KDET-KSAW  
George Schraft  
and Trip Harrington  
Cessna 310

**11/29/2016**

KIWD-KMSN  
Timothy Talsma  
and Nicholas Talsma  
Navajo

**11/30/2016**

KBEH-KARB  
Chad L.  
and Daniel Neville  
Skyknight

This situation prompted me to look at how we can better address our transplant flights. After talking it over with Grace, our plan is to gather a list of patients who are currently seeking a transplant, identify the applicable airports for each person, and then identify pilots within an hour of the patient.

Time is of the essence when it comes to a deceased organ donation, so multi-engine aircraft would be needed.

Right now we have a few patients who have indicated that they should receive a call about a transplant at any moment. One patient lives near Houghton, one lives in Pentwater, and one lives near Mount Pleasant and the hospitals are in Madison, Ann Arbor and Rochester.

When we receive another call for an emergency transplant flight, we will send a group text to the pilots who have agreed to participate. What we would need from you is an answer of "yes" or "no" if you would be willing to get an emergency text. If you would like to be a part of these flights, you may check the "Is Emergency Pilot" box on your Pilot Profile page or you may call 616.396.1077, email [judith@wingsofmercy.org](mailto:judith@wingsofmercy.org) or text 616.901.6570 your availability.



Now, back to our patient story. When last I checked Teri had made it to Madison on time, received her new kidney, and is now waiting for it to "wake up" and work. We are always happy about a successful outcome!

Judith Brewer  
Flight Coordinator

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