

## Wings of Mercy 11th Annual Benefit

*Wings of Mercy provides free air transportation to patients with limited income. The Wings of Mercy program is an all volunteer medical air transportation service in which FAA-certified pilots, nurses, and other professionals donate their time, planes, and expertise in order to transport beneficiaries who are in medical and financial need. Wings of Mercy is supported entirely by charitable donations—your contributions are used to purchase aviation fuel for the missions (volunteer pilots contribute the rest!). The annual benefit is our largest fundraising event. We invite you to participate through attendance at the benefit on October 20, 2006 or through your generous contribution of funds or items for the auction. Thank you for giving “wings” to those in need!*



[www.wingsofmercymn.org](http://www.wingsofmercymn.org)



## Giving “Wings” to those in Need

Our pilots are the nucleus of our organization. Take for instance the Schmidt boys. The twin boys, from Minot ND, were born with cerebral palsy. After several operations they were wearing body casts. Strapping them to wheelchairs and driving more than 400 miles from their home to the Twin Cities in a cramped van was ruled out. The first time the boys needed surgery and were in the casts, their parents chartered a plane and it cost them \$5,500. Subsequently, they could not afford to charter again. On October 18, 2005, Steve Nelson and Greg Thoraldson, two of our pilots, flew to Minot ND and St. Paul’s Gillette hospital twice (back and forth,



back and forth) the same day. Steve’s plane is equipped with one stretcher, our only stretcher. The mother’s reaction, “These people have been God’s hands to us.”



An 8-year old child, diagnosed with leukemia, needed a bone marrow transplant. Wings pilot and Vice President, Rick Murray, flew to Hickory, NC to pick her up and transport her to Fairview University Hospital in Minneapolis for care where she is awaiting treatment.



## Come Aboard for an Evening of Adventure



## 11th Annual Benefit of Wings of Mercy

Friday, October 20, 2006

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Green Mill Grand Ballroom, The Kelly Inn

St. Cloud, Minnesota



Giving “Wings” to those in Need



# Ahoy, Matey!

Step aboard and join the **Pilots of the "Care"ibbean** for an evening of fun and reflection at the Wings of Mercy annual benefit, featuring a keynote presentation by child advocate **Patti Wetterling**.

Your participation and sponsorship helps provide free medical air transportation to patients with limited income. In 2005, Wings of Mercy pilots flew 52 missions. We are well on target to surpass that number in 2006 due to your generosity.

This event will inspire you. The telling of mission stories of the caring pilots and families of patients will provide you with a treasure-trove of unforgettable experiences as you navigate the waters for hidden treats and treasures.



2006 Annual Benefit Festivities

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*Green Mill Grand Ballroom, The Kelly Inn  
St. Cloud, Minnesota*

- ~ *Keynote Presentation by Patti Wetterling*
- ~ *Silent and Live Auctions*
- ~ *Flight Mission Stories*
- ~ *Reggae Music*
- ~ *Open Bar*
- ~ *Raffles, Games, and More!*

### Annual Benefit Attire

Prizes for outstanding Caribbean-style/pirate-like outfits will be given, or feel comfortable wearing your casual business attire for the evening.

### Annual Benefit Registration

Complete and mail the attached reservation card with payment by Friday, September 29, 2006 or contact Donna Purinton at (320) 251-3666 or [donnapurinton@hotmail.com](mailto:donnapurinton@hotmail.com).

***Ay Matey (yes!), I will attend the Pilots of the "Care"ibbean Wings of Mercy Benefit!***

### Event Tickets

- Single—\$75, Couple—\$120
- Corporate Table (8 people/table)—\$600

### Sponsorship

- I wish to sponsor this event (a Wings of Mercy representative will call you)

### Auction Contributions

- I wish to contribute the following item(s) for the auction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) of Attendee(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

*Please enclose a check with your registration and return by mail to:*



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