



Alaska Airlines Pilots Charitable Fund
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ALASKA AIRLINES PILOTS MAKE DONATIONS TO TACOMA HOSPITAL AND ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S SHELTER

SEATAC, WA - The Alaska Airlines Pilots Charitable Fund (AAPCF), a non-profit charitable organization that supports children's charities through donations from Alaska Airlines pilots, recently made two community contributions. The AAPCF presented \$4,422 to representatives from Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington and \$3,500 to representatives from the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis Shelter (AWAIC) in Anchorage, Alaska.

"The pilots of Alaska Airlines are pleased to support organizations such as Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and the AWAIC that directly benefit the communities in which we live and serve," said First Officer Dan Hoffman, AAPCF Board President. "Both of these organizations do great things for the people of Tacoma, Anchorage and there surrounding areas and we are pleased to help them carry on their good work."

Mary Bridge is a full-service, pediatric inpatient hospital with a 12-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Mary Bridge offers child and family-centered care through a pediatric team including in-house pediatric doctors, nurses and specialist. The hospital will use the \$4,422 donation to acquire a Surgitron, a radiofrequency surgical unit that is commonly used by plastic surgeons to remove small lesions of the skin, including the face, leaving behind little or no scar. The hospital hopes to use the Surgitron for the small "lumps and bumps" that previously had to be admitted the emergency room and attended to with the patient under anesthesia. This new device will make it more convenient and affordable for families whose children need minor operations.

AWAIC is focused on keeping women and children safe, educating the community about domestic violence and being available 24 hours a day for women and their children who need shelter and safe housing services. AWAIC annually provides approximately 13,500 safe-nights to women and children, 1,500 hours of group and individual advocacy to non-residential clients, 15,000 hours of intense education and intervention to those who are abusive in their intimate relationships, and 140 community education presentations to over 5,000 participants. AWAIC will use the \$3,500 donation to acquire medical equipment, including a physician's examination table needed for the medical exam room at the shelter.

The Alaska Airlines Pilots Charitable Fund is supported by generous voluntary donations from Alaska Airlines pilots based in Anchorage, Seattle, and Los Angeles. Each year the AAPCF supports children's charities with a demonstrated need for financial assistance. For more information, contact First Officer Dan Hoffman at (206) 619-1394.

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