



# Operation Good Cheer <sup>SM</sup>



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## 2005 Operation Good Cheer

Operation Good Cheer 2005 was a huge success and it was a unique year in many ways. Many new donors participated this year even with all the unfortunate events that happened around the world. It was incredible that so many previous donors and new donors sponsored more children when we needed their help the most. We are so grateful for the support we receive from each one of you. With more than 140 donor groups who took part this year, this is truly an amazing volunteer event. We deeply appreciate all the gifts provided to Operation Good Cheer and the children we serve. You can never imagine the profound effect your generosity has on these children.

2005 was an incredible year for Operation Good Cheer. Individuals and Companies from across Michigan came together to provide children from 39 different non-profit agencies with gifts to open on Christmas morning. With 40 new donor groups, Operation Good Cheer was able to help more of Michigan's children this year.

The following companies donated trucks, fuel, and a driver for the gift pick up and delivery. A special thank you goes out to: Michigan National Guard, Chemtrend, 7-Up Bottling Group, Trucks for You, Meijer, Landstar Carrier Group, Penske Truck Leasing, Professional Movers, Two Men and a Truck, Ruehles Towing, Ryder, ACC Flint, Lansing Moving, Hollingsworth, Top Flight, Con-Way, United Parcel Service, Innovative Logistics, Swift, Mason-Dixon, and Select 1 Transport. We are so grateful

for your assistance. We would also like to thank Mr. Mike Pipia for his coordination in the arrangement of trucking companies for the gift pick up and delivery. Operation Good Cheer would not be the success it is today without his support.

The weather ended up being great for the Spirit of Good Cheer flight! 169 flights were able to complete deliveries across Michigan, some as far as the Upper Peninsula. So many pilots were able to fly; it was wonderful to see a countless number of planes on the tarmac. Many pilots made more than one flight! In addition, seven trucking companies picked up gifts at Pentastar Aviation and transported them to twelve participating agencies. Our generous volunteers delivered the remaining gifts via truck. To the pilots and volunteers that assisted in ensuring the children's gifts be delivered on time, we are so grateful.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the airport who donated their time by either helping to sort and load gifts onto planes and trucks, or assisting in the transportation of the gifts. The agencies are so thankful for all that you do.

CFSM, Inc., would also like to thank, Mr. Jerry Drew, Flight Coordinator. We can never express how much we appreciate your continued assistance. This year everything went so smooth and well organized at the airport, thanks to Jerry and Mike's coordination. Words cannot express our appreciation for the Oakland County International Airport Staff and Air Traffic Controllers who continue to support the "Spirit of Good Cheer" flight.

Some extremely generous companies donated items for 2005. For gift designation and tracking, DBI Interiors donated 50 boxes of labels. Volkswagen donated lunch on Friday for all the volunteers. We had a donation of a pancake breakfast for all

of the pilots and volunteers by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1413 on Saturday.

Pentastar Aviation hosted the event and provided food and refreshments both Friday and Saturday for volunteers. The increased space at the hanger provided ease of sorting and loading for everyone. There was a shuttle service provided by Pentastar for the volunteers, which helped out exceptionally well for volunteers moving from the terminal to the hanger. Pentastar was extremely accommodating with anything that the volunteers and coordinators needed. The whole operation was so efficient! We have had tremendous feedback of how well organized everything was at the hanger, thanks to all the support we received from Pentastar Aviation, our coordinators and the volunteers!

*Everyone is essential for the continued growth and success of Operation Good Cheer!*



**Thank you!**

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