



Operation Good CheerSM



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Operation Good Cheer 2006 was a very difficult year for the program. We still had several hundred children that needed sponsorship in late November. We did a special plea to our donors, volunteers, and pilots and everyone came through, either by sponsoring more children, cash contributions, and/or shopping. With over 240 separate donor groups and individuals, it was incredible that so many donors sponsored more children when we needed their help the most. All of you assisted and worked with us to achieve our goal. We would not have had the success we did without all of your help. We are so grateful for the support and the additional assistance we received from each one of you during the holiday season. We deeply appreciate all the gifts provided to Operation Good Cheer and the children we serve.

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, 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! 144 flights were able to complete deliveries across Michigan, even to the Upper Peninsula. 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 thirteen participating agencies. 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 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 his continued assistance. This year everything came together 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 2006. For gift designation and tracking, DBI Interiors donated 25 boxes of labels. Volkswagen donated lunch on Friday for all the volunteers. We had a donation of a pancake breakfast for 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. There was a shuttle service provided by Pentastar for the volunteers, which worked out exceptionally well for traveling between the terminal and 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 and smooth everything ran 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! We look forward to working with all of you in 2007.



Thank you!

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