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In the skies over Fort Worth, a CareFlite crew heads out to bring help and hope. *Photo courtesy of Sheldon Cohen*

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Labor Day 2011



JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENDS CAREFLITE'S 911/EMS CONTRACT THROUGH 2015...



The Johnson County Commissioners' Court, meeting in their historic courthouse in Cleburne on 7/25/11 extended CareFlite's contract for 911/EMS service and employee membership through 2015. CareFlite's representatives at the meeting are shown at right above. (L to R James C. Swartz – President & CEO, Doug Filbert EMT-P – Director of Ground Operations, Amy Young EMT-P – Associate Director of Ground Operations, and Joe LoPalo EMD, EFD – Communications Admin Manager. (Picture above right Courtesy of Cleburne Times Review, Matt Smith Staff Photographer)

DALLAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #6 JOINS THE CARING-HEART PROGRAM

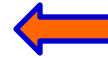


The Board of the Dallas County Water District #6, meeting at their offices in Balch Springs on 7/26/11, entered a new contract with CareFlite providing membership for all residents receiving water from the District effective on 9/1/11. The district covers Balch Springs. This adds approximately 24,000 people to the Caring-Heart Membership Program.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN HAUPERT FACHE...



From Left to Right:

James C. Swartz – CareFlite President & CEO, John Haupt FACHE – Parkland Executive Vice President & COO, W. Stephen Love – President & CEO of the Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council.

John has served 10 years on CareFlite's Board including two as Chair. He was presented a 2011 Great First Responder Award on August 24th by W. Stephen Love, President of the DFW Hospital Council for his commitment to pre-hospital care. John is leaving Parkland at the end of September to assume the responsibilities of CEO at Grady Health System in Atlanta. Grady is the Parkland equivalent hospital there and the only level one trauma center in Atlanta. It also operates its own ground ambulance system. While we wish John well in his new position, CareFlite and the Dallas Community have lost a great leader and advocate for health care. He will be missed.

Parkland is one of the five hospital systems sponsoring CareFlite. The others are Baylor Health Care, JPS Health Network, Methodist Health System and Texas Health Resources. Since founded in 1979, CareFlite has transported over 600,000 patients. CareFlite is a 501(c)3 not for profit company.



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The Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council

Commend and Honor

John Haupt FACHE

Executive Vice President / Chief Operating Officer
Parkland Health and Hospital System

As a

2011 Great First Responder

For going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting CareFlite in its mission to bring hope and help to all who need medical transportation. For the many years of work dedicated to improving health care for the people of Dallas. For his commitment to the highest level of emergency care in the pre-hospital environment as demonstrated by his unwavering support for CareFlite. For his professionalism and participation in numerous committees and boards benefiting patients. For putting service to others above self. For serving ten years on CareFlite's Board of Directors including two as its Chair (and the only person to ever do so representing two different hospital systems). Through his efforts, North Texas is a better place to live.

Presented August 24, 2011 at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas

James C. Swartz, CMTE
President & CEO
CareFlite

W. Stephen Love
President & CEO
DFWHC



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CAREFLITE SUPPORTS HEALTH FAIR AT METHODIST CHURCH OF DESOTO



In early August, CareFlite supported a Health Fair at the Methodist Church of DeSoto. Pictured with Michael Derfler CareFlite Membership Manager are (L to R) Mr. Louis Bracken – Pastor, Dr. Ouida Lee, Deborah Sharpe – Church Administrator and Carol Landrum, Assistant Administrator.

Kids are back in school. The temperature is cooler. It's time for a day of golf. Thursday, October 6th



***2011 CareFlite Golf Tournament
10/6/11 8:30am, Tour 18, Flower Mound
Registration & Information:
www.careflite.org or (972) 339-4220***



\$80 per person includes 18 holes, lunch, green fees, cart, hat, golf towel, range balls, golf tees and a certificate for additional 18 holes free within one year

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REMEMBERING 2752 AMERICANS LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



THOUGHTS OF AUTUMN...

Growing up in the aftermath of World War II as a child of a World War II (and Korean War) Veteran, December 7th was a day that everyone around us remembered and marked. The greatest generation was busy at work and having families. The 1950's were a time of relative quiet in international affairs as we were an insular society. The Cold War was cold. Then came the revolution in Cuba and the Bay of Pigs. Then, in what now seems like an instant, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Vietnam exploded and nothing was ever the same again. Those who were alive on December 7, 1941 remember where they were that day as does every American alive on November 22, 1963. Television, a relatively new media, broadcast live images from Dallas. All of us remember where we were when we heard that an airplane had flown into the World Trade Center in New York ten years ago this month. For those of us who use aircraft to save lives, the use of a civilian aircraft as a weapon to take lives and the hate behind it remains incomprehensible. This September 11th we will remember the 2752 Americans lost that day ten years ago. I don't know if the level of violence in the world around us has increased. But having the pictures live a few moments later on a computer screen certainly makes it seem so. These three terrible days bind us together as Americans across three generations.

It used to be that Labor Day marked the traditional end of summer. School always started on Tuesday after Labor Day so the carefree days of summer were concluded. In those days, we looked forward to cooler weather and football. And so it is now, despite the anniversary of that awful autumn day in New York, at the Pentagon and in rural Pennsylvania. We still look forward to cooler weather and football. But for everyone who remembers September 11th, the approach of autumn brings us back to that terrible day. We remember those lost and their families whom we keep in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

James C. Swartz
President & CEO

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CareFlite Items Available for Purchase...



Medical Bracelets \$10 each



Silicone Bracelets – Free



Orange Dog Tags \$2 each/3 for \$5



CareFlite Bears
\$9.99 each or 2 for \$15



Short Sleeve T Shirts (shown front & back)
\$9.99 in Medium, Large, XL, 2XL



Orange or Blue Sunglasses \$4.99 each



Stuffed CareFlite Helicopter \$14.99 each.



Stuffed CareFlite Ambulance \$14.99



2011-2012 Calendar Mousepad Cloth Tote Bag \$4.99 each



Coffee Mug Est.1979 \$4.99



Blue Helicopter Hat \$9.99

Order these items and more at <http://www.careflite.org/heartshop.aspx> or call (877) 339-2273

CareFlite supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October with Pink Tee Shirts. \$1 from each sale will benefit the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. CareFlite will provide Standby Medical Services at the Dallas 3 Day Walk.

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