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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Randy Rowe, CMTE

HALO-Flight has seen tremendous growth over the past few years and 2008 was no different. By year's end we will have completed over 700 lifesaving missions in the Coastal Bend.

We have completed our capital campaign for the purchase of our 2007 Bell 407 aircraft (Tail #N30HF) by raising over \$1.5 million. I wish to thank all of the contributors, board members and staff for such a successful campaign. A special thank you to our campaign chairman and vice-president of the board of directors of HALO-Flight, Mr. Darrell Nordeen, who spent countless hours working to accomplish the capital campaign goals. A special ceremony was held to honor Darrell's work and Keleigh Sasser, board director, for their capital campaign contribution and steadfast stewardship by placing a named placard on each helicopter. Well Done!

HALO-Flight is projected to receive, N31HF, a new 2008 Bell 407 in March 2009. It will replace our original aircraft N101HF. We look forward to the new aircraft and all its safety enhancements however, we are saddened to see our 1st helicopter leave us. By having these two new aircraft we will become more capable of serving the needs of our community in the most technologically safety enhanced aircraft available.

On behalf of the entire HALO-Flight staff I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to a rewarding and prosperous 2009.

HALO-Flight Recognizes Employees at Annual Christmas Party

HALO-Flight Board Members and Staff celebrated the season at it's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13. Employees were recognized for their years of service at HALO-Flight. Employees with 15 years of service were Hank Greb, Chief Pilot and Diana Keenan, Flight Paramedic. Employees with 5 years of service were Sonny Heinaman, Director of Maintenance and Helicopter Mechanic, Brian Branch, Pilot, and Debbie Vickery, Marketing Director. Employees with one year of service were Amy Koeler, Communications Specialist, Alex McCloskey, Communications Specialist, Curt Snodgrass, Pilot and Communications Manager, Mike Perry, Flight RN, and Miranda Trammell, Communications Specialist.



Hank Greb and Diana Keenan—15 years of service.



Sonny Heinaman, Brian Branch and Debbie Vickery—5 years of service.



Amy Koehler, Alex McCloskey, Curt Snodgrass, Mike Perry and Miranda Trammell—1 year of service.

HALO-Flight's mission is to provide medical transport for critically ill or injured persons requiring medical or trauma facilities within our South Texas service area. Emergency helicopter assistance is provided to all persons regardless of their ability to pay.

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The 2008 Lagarto Cook-Off in conjunction with Brush Country Ghost Riders Bike Run netted a total of more than \$54,000.00 to benefit HALO-Flight.



The 17th Annual Flint Hills Resources Flights of Angels Golf Tournament held on Monday, May 4th netted more than \$89,000. Jesse DeLeon of Clear Channel Oldies 93.9 Radio Station and Honorary Chairman, arrives in HALO-Flight helicopter.



Randy Rowe, Executive Director of HALO-Flight and Jesse DeLeon, Honorary Chairman make special presentation of new helicopter model to Rich Tuttle of Flint Hill Resources.



South Texas Riders make a check presentation for \$20,000.00 to HALO-Flight Executive Director, Randy Rowe.

2008 HALO-FLIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

With the new year upon us, we reflect back on this past year and see where we've been, what we have accomplished, and where we want to go. For HALO-Flight it has been a year of progress and growth. We are sincerely thankful for all the assistance we have received throughout the year from our friends and supporters. Recapped below, HALO-Flight had it's most successful fundraisers and benefits to date.

2008 Lagarto Community Cook-Off

The 2008 Lagarto Community Cook-Off was held in early March raising more than \$27,000.00 for HALO-Flight. The cook-off attracted 50 sanctioned cook teams. Over 500 people from the surrounding area attended. Mary and Karl Schumacher, co-chairs of the event and owners of the Lagarto Store, along with the Cook-Off Committee, found innumerable ways to raise funds for HALO-Flight. The entire Lagarto Community recognizes the invaluable service HALO-Flight provides through its emergency air transportation. Thanks to everyone in and around the Lagarto community who came out to help make this event one of the best yet! The **2009 Lagarto Community Cook-Off** is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 7, 2009 and has been designated a "State Championship" Cook-Off. For more information on this event, please contact Debbie Vickery at 361-289-2516.

Brush Country Ghost Riders Bike Run/Motorcycle Drawing

The Brush Country Ghost Riders in conjunction with the 2008 Lagarto Community Cook-Off made an outstanding contribution of more than \$27,000.0. The Ghost Riders organized a Bike Run and sold tickets for a drawing to win a 1974 Harley Motorcycle donated by Moose Johnson. The **2009 Brush Country Motorcycle Bike Run** will be held on February 28, 2009.

17th Flint Hills Resources Flights of Angels Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Flint Hills Resources "Flights of Angels" Golf Tournament was held on Monday, May 5th at the NorthShore Country Club. It was a little wet for the first half of the day, however, it did not dampen any of the participants spirits. The tournament netted more than \$89,000.00 to benefit HALO-Flight. Jesse DeLeon and Bessie Benavides from Clear Channel's Oldies 93.9 Radio Station were in attendance with Jesse acting as this year's Honorary Chair of the golf tournament. 2008 was HALO-Flight's most successful tournament to date, thanks to the support of its tournament sponsor Flint Hills Resources and community volunteers.

South Texas Riders Bike Rally 2008

The South Texas Riders—Alice Motorcycle Club held their 4th Annual Motorcycle Rally to benefit HALO-Flight at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds in Alice on Saturday, May 17, 2008. In July, Club members rode over in full dress to the HALO-Flight office and made a check presentation for \$20,000. The Bike Rally is held annually in May, beginning with "Party Night" the evening before where participants set-up camp in anticipation of the next day's events which include food, drinks, a bike run. The bike club held a motorcycle parade through downtown Alice. Motorcycle games, a tattoo contest, door prizes and live music were provided. The HALO-Flight crew was pleased to be on scene with the helicopter. Thank you South Texas Riders for all you do!

2008 HALO-FLIGHT HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd.)



Hunt teams arrive for registration at the Caesar Kleberg Cowboy Ranch in Bishop, Texas.



Hunt participants enjoy pre-shoot beef, sausage and chicken



Winn Exploration Company placed 1st with 54 birds. Hunters were C.A. Winn, Tom Winn, Chad Cooley, Mike Brink and Randy Bates.



Sorgente Ranch Cookers placed 2nd with 39 birds. Hunters were Mark Hubbard, Jeff Sizemore, Rogers Bracey, Mike Pedrotti and Daniel Pedrott, Jr. (Also pictured is Dan Pedrotti, Sr.



First Community Bank placed 3rd with 36 birds. Hunters were Mike Hummel, Van Huseman, Brian Bracht, Nick Weeks and Mike Weeks, Jr. (Also pictures is Wes Hopkins.



Hunters warm up before the shoot courtesy of Aransas County

2008 Una Caja Dove Shoot Presented by Flint Hills Resources

HALO-Flight held its first Una Caja Dove Shoot on Tuesday, October 14th at the Caesar Kleberg Cowboy Camp in Bishop, Texas. The format was a one-box, .410 format and included a teams of 5 hunters. The shoot netted more than \$30,000.00 with 14 hunting teams and 70 individual hunters participating. The hunters started out their day by registering at Noon and receiving hunting shirts, caps and insulated camouflage hunting buckets. Food and shooting games were enjoyed by the hunters before the shoot. A dinner provided by Kleberg Bank during the awards presentation. The dove shoot sponsors for the event were Flint Hills Resources, King Ranch, Inc., Ainsworth Trucking, American Bank, Aransas County Sporting Clays, Celanese, Coastal Drilling Land Company, Don Brock Distributor, Kleberg County Parks, Kleberg Bank, L & F Distributing, Pro Build South, U-Rent-It and Wilson Supply. The Una Dove Shoot Committee was led by Luther Young, Paul Swacina and Darrell Nordeen. HALO-Flight would like to thank all of our volunteers for a successful event. The **2009 Una Caja Dove shoot will be held Tuesday, October 13th 2009.** If you would like more information on this fun-filled event, please contact Debbie Vickery at 361-289-2516.



Luther Young, Una Caja Chairman and Wes Hoskins of First Community Bank review rules with hunters.

Hummer's Bar and Grill "Sizzlin Summer" Cook-Off

Hummer's Bar and Grill "Sizzlin' Summer" Cook-Off benefit held on June 21st raised more than \$5,900.00 and had 37 cook teams participating. There was Classic Car Show with a large number of vintage cars and in addition, the Calallen Gypsy Motorcycle Club provided the additional income by holding a Benefit Run for HALO-Flight.



Hunting Groups head out for the fields to shoot dove.

HALO-Flight was designated as "2008 Outstanding Business on the West Side" at the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Business Awards in September .

HALO-FLIGHT'S SERVICE AREA

Your contributions make a difference to HALO-Flight operations and its mission of providing air ambulance service to the people of South Texas.

To make an online donation, sign-up for the Guardian Subscription Plan or learn more about HALO-Flight, please visit us at

www.haloflight.org

For information regarding HALO-Flight's fundraising activities or to offer your support, please contact Debbie Vickery at 361-289-2516 or email debbiev@haloflight.org



26 Counties

28,000 Sq. Miles

1,000,000 + Population



HALO-Flight's Guardian Subscription Plan



Join HALO-Flight's Guardian Subscription Plan and pay no out of pocket expense for an emergency helicopter transport. The rate for an individual/family membership is \$49 a year, and a group discounted rate of \$39 a year is also available. Contact Carsten Meyer at (361) 289-2516 for details or log on to www.haloflight.org

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