



# LIFELINE PILOTS

the shortest distance between home and hope

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## LLP Volunteer Pilots: Safety, Service & Going the Extra Mile(s) for Patients



Emily and LLP Pilot Richard L.

Richard L, Hamburg, MI, has completed more than 60 missions for LLP since 2005, and his exemplary service is characteristic of the pilots who fly for LLP.

Some of his most memorable missions were in transporting Emily C., who was fighting multiple medical issues and preparing for a simultaneous multi-organ transplant that was planned to take place at the Cleveland Clinic.

In one instance where Dick needed to fly Emily from Louisville, KY, to Adrian, MI, the weather was too stormy for a safe takeoff. Dick then arranged for her dad to drive her from Louisville to Ft. Wayne, IN.

"My son was returning home to Michigan from a sales event in Chicago and volunteered to go by way of Ft. Wayne and pick her up and drive her to her mom's house in Adrian. Her mom drove her to the Cleveland Clinic the next day," said Dick.

"The point is that we can help people get to their destination in more than one way. For this and all other flights, it is important that despite the urgency, we do them safely and comfortably. We always have the option of canceling and can help them in other ways. I make those decisions with the client, especially if I've flown them previously and know their level of experience and comfort,"

Dick explained. (Unfortunately, over the months, Emily's condition worsened, and she lost her battle before the transplant could be attempted.)

## Who are the LLP volunteer pilots?



LLP volunteer pilots donate their time, talents, aircraft and even the fuel to transport patients to hospitals & medical centers in a 16 state area.

They are FAA certified pilots with a stated need to "give back" to individuals in need of free medical transport.

Can you direct us to contacts you may have at medical centers who can use our services?

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"I've paid for a rental car for someone to drive home when weather wasn't good enough to fly. Another pilot recently bought a client a ticket on SWA to get an infant & mom home when icing caused flight cancellation of the second and third legs."