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OLDEST U.S. JOINT USE AIR MEDICAL PROGRAM SURPASSES 500,000 PATIENT TRANSPORTS

(Grand Prairie, Texas) CareFlite, America's oldest joint use air medical program announced today that it completed 37, 586 total patient transports during calendar year 2009. This figure represents a slight growth over 2008. Since its founding in 1979, CareFlite has transported a total of 503,335 patients.

CareFlite operates a fleet of seven aircraft and more than fifty (50) ground ambulances and wheelchair vans from twenty three (23) bases across North Texas. CareFlite provides 911/EMS services in Balch Springs, Ellis County Emergency Services District #5 (Ferris), Hill County and Johnson County. Its air services are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS) and its Communications Center by the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch.

Recognized as an industry leader in safety, CareFlite operates one of the largest instrument flight rules helicopter EMS program in the United States. It has recently taken delivery of the first two of a total of twenty four (24) new generation ambulances with state of the art safety systems not previously used in the United States. It is also contracted with the FAA to develop the next generation of low level routes and precision GPS approaches for helicopters.

CareFlite was instrumental in the repatriation of patients displaced by hurricanes over the last four years from across the United States under contract with FEMA.

CareFlite also operates one of the largest EMS membership programs in Texas with approximately 100,000 members.

CareFlite, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit Texas company, is sponsored by the leading not for profit and public hospitals in North Texas: Baylor Healthcare, JPS Health Network, Methodist Health System, Parkland Health and Hospital and Texas Health Resources. More information is available at www.careflite.org.