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New Fund Will Aid Families of Fallen Air Medical Crewmembers and Patients

FARE Fund Will Offer Immediate Help for Families After Air Medical Accidents

(Alexandria, VA) -- The Foundation for Air-Medical Research and Education (FARE) is pleased to announce the creation of the FARE Family Grant Fund to benefit families of crewmembers and patients killed or seriously injured in air medical accidents. FARE is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) and the charitable arm of the Association for Air Medical Services (AAMS). FARE's board of directors voted to implement the assistance grants at their June 20 board meeting this past summer. While fundraising for the FARE Family Grant Fund will formally begin at the 2008 Air Medical Transport Conference in Minneapolis, over \$20,000 in lead gifts has already been raised.

The FARE Family Grant Fund will offer immediate assistance to families of air medical crewmembers and their patients to cover unanticipated expenses such as travel and lodging, food, childcare, a leave of absence from work, medical or burial expenses, and crisis social services. The purpose of the fund is to provide aid to families grieving a loss and remove the immediate financial worry so they can take care of their loved ones. The FARE Family Grant Fund will also assist air medical programs in caring for families following an accident.

"When an air medical accident occurs, it is a tragedy that all members of the air medical community dread," said Dr. Kevin Hutton, Chairman of FARE. "While money will never make up for the loss or disability of a loved one, this fund will help families cope with a myriad of expenses immediately following an accident."

FARE will begin administering aid to families in late 2009 through participating AAMS air medical operators and flight programs. Programs must file a post accident plan with a family assistance provision with the FARE national office in Alexandria, Virginia in order to be eligible for family grants. Programs with such plans in place will automatically receive FARE Family Grant funds to help with family assistance should an air medical accident occur.

To learn more about FARE's Family Grant Fund or to donate to this important initiative, please go to www.fareonline.org or contact Amber Bullington at abullington@aams.org or (703) 836-8732. Checks may be made payable to the FARE Family Grant Fund and mailed to FARE at 526 King Street, Suite 415, Alexandria, VA 22314. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

About FARE

The Foundation for Air Medical Research & Education (FARE) was established in 2001 to support charitable, scientific and educational programs and other initiatives, including outreach to the public, for the air medical and critical care medical transport community. Everything we do is for the patients we serve.

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