

## Local Angel Flight pilots log 77 volunteer missions

The South Carolina branch of Angel Flight in Greenwood continues to be very active.

Angel Flight volunteer pilots provide free transportation to persons of any age needing to travel significant distances for medical treatment, and to whom this need presents financial difficulties. Branch director Bo Bowman recently spoke to case workers and social workers at Self Regional Hospital on April 15, and will speak to workers at Abbeville Area Medical Center on May 6.

Bowman said he hopes the talks will result with being able to help even more people in Greenwood and Abbeville counties.

Angel Flight is growing throughout South Carolina and posted 217 missions transporting South Carolina patients in 2009. There were 106 missions flown by South Carolina volunteer pi-

lots, and 77 of these were by four Greenwood pilots — Bowman, Mo Scott, Tom Corrado and Bob Butler.

Thirty-two missions involved Greenwood patients.

The S.C. pilot roster has grown this year with the recruiting and orientation of six new volunteer pilots.

With several pilots "retiring" from flying last year, these additions were needed and heartily welcomed.

With the help of his new Earth Angel Jeanne Hiller, Bowman recently completed the submittal of grant applications to all Walmarts and Sam's Clubs in South Carolina, and several foundations and corporations.

Any individual, club, corporation, or foundation wishing to contribute to Angel Flight can call 554-3198.



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Bo Bowman accepts a grant check from Sandy Smith, who handles Walmart's charitable contributions through the store's Community Grant Program.

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