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Life Flight Network Expands to Include Saint Alphonus Life Flight In Idaho and Eastern Oregon

Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center joins the network's ownership consortium.

(Aurora, Oregon) Life Flight Network (LFN) announced today the air medical transport provider serving the Pacific Northwest from five locations in Oregon and Washington will expand to include Boise-based Saint Alphonus Life Flight on September 1. As part of the business evolution, Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center (SARMC) will join with Legacy Health, Providence Health and Services, and Oregon Health and Science University as owners of the expanded Life Flight Network.

Michael Griffiths, Executive Director of Life Flight Network states, "We are proud Saint Alphonus has agreed to become an owner in our network, and we look forward to working with their team to continue to provide award-winning air medical services. Both operations are known for providing the very highest quality specialized care and rapid access in the safest transport environment possible. This level of service will continue at all Life Flight Network bases in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West."

"By merging Saint Alphonus Life Flight into Life Flight Network, we are creating a broader, regional network providing efficient, comprehensive air medical service for the communities we serve today and into the future," said Sally Jeffcoat, President and CEO of Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center.

Life Flight Network has been in operation for over 31 years, serving the Pacific Northwest from three Oregon locations: Aurora, Hillsboro, and Eugene, and two Washington locations: Longview and Dallesport. With the addition of operations in Idaho and eastern Oregon, it will have a combined fleet of nine medical helicopters, three fixed-wing aircraft, and three ground critical care ambulances.

Current employees of Saint Alphonus Life Flight have been offered positions in the expanded Life Flight Network. The firm will provide them with expanded opportunities as the Network continues to grow. Existing Saint Alphonus bases in Boise, Mountain Home, McCall, and Ontario will continue without interruption.

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Life Flight Network has a proven track record of providing critical care transport and operates a membership program similar to the one offered by Saint Alphonsus Life Flight. Members of Saint Alphonsus Life Flight in Idaho and eastern Oregon will automatically become members of Life Flight Network. The program looks forward to continuing current reciprocity partnership agreements.

"The collaborative Life Flight Network model has worked exceptionally well in the Portland area for many years and we remain open to similar relationships with other air medical transport providers," Griffiths states. "This kind of cooperative effort would truly benefit the community as we strive to serve the population as efficiently as possible with precious resources."

Life Flight Network was recently named *Program of the Year* by the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS). This is acknowledged as the most celebrated and prestigious award available to air medical providers and it marks the first time in the history of AAMS a flight program based on the West Coast of the United States has received this award.

Receiving the AAMS *Program of the Year* award is recognition that an emergency medical program demonstrates the very highest levels of patient care, management expertise, quality leadership, customer service, safety, marketing ingenuity, community service and commitment to the medical transport community. Over 250 air medical programs worldwide are eligible for the AAMS *Program of the Year* honor, including those in eight foreign countries ranging from South Africa to Australia.

About Life Flight Network:

Life Flight Network is a Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS) accredited air medical transport company with administrative offices in Aurora, Oregon. It serves communities in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Rotor-wing services are provided by Air Methods Corporation. Fixed-wing services are provided by Aero Air, LLC. Life Flight Network is positioned to embrace the future with confidence and sustainable growth. The company treasures the respect it has earned from the medical and EMS communities it has served over the last 31 years. For more information about Life Flight Network visit www.lifeflight.org.

About Saint Alphonsus:

Saint Alphonsus is a 387-licensed bed regional medical center serving people throughout the Northwest. Saint Alphonsus emphasizes care that is patient-centered, innovative and community based. Saint Alphonsus focuses on providing services in a spiritual, healing environment, and is renowned for its state-of-the-art digital environment and pioneering technologies; award-winning clinical services; and the region's Trauma Center. For information about Saint Alphonsus visit www.saintalphonsus.org

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