



**UpdateNow!**

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## **CareNow Announces Partnership with Mission Medic Air**

The CareNow Foundation has identified a group of compassionate professionals working in the African country of Zambia who volunteer their time to fly into isolated locations and provide support to remote medical clinics and missionary hospitals. Mission Medic Air (MMA) is operated on an all volunteer basis and relies on donated funding to finance their activities. In October, the CareNow board approved a new “flying clinic” program to help raise funds for Mission Medic Air, and help them expand their work to new locations.

MMA currently flies to eight locations on a scheduled basis. They transport healthcare professionals such as doctors, dentists and eye specialists as well as mechanics to repair medical equipment. The primary limitation of Mission Medic Air is funding for medicines, supplies and airplane fuel! Your tax-deductible contribution to CareNow in support of this program will make the difference in the lives of thousands of people that are living in rural Zambia.

Because our “flying clinic” program is based on volunteer healthcare providers, your donation goes farther! Your gift of \$100 will provide basic healthcare to 50 people in desperate need. Please consider making a year-end donation of \$100 by visiting our website at [www.carenowfoundation.org](http://www.carenowfoundation.org).



## CareNow Adds Four New Board members in 2008

We are very pleased to introduce the 4 new members of the CareNow Board of Directors in order as shown in this photograph, left to right.



**Chris Faherty**, RN, has worked for over 24 years in pediatric critical care settings. After taking a break from nursing, she was compelled to continue using her skills to help others who do not have easy access to health care. Chris has worked with CareNow over the last 24 months coordinating shipments of medical equipment, supplies, and medicines to South Africa and Zambia. This summer Chris traveled with Anne Kennedy to South Africa and Zambia to review CareNow projects, administer nursing care with the mobile clinic in Zambia and investigate new projects.

**Anne Kennedy** took a trip to South Africa in 2006 to visit several orphanages and impoverished areas near Durban and became passionate about helping the least served people in this part of the world. Wanting more hands-on involvement, she volunteered with CareNow at fundraising events and other tasks to further the awareness of the needs in South Africa. She made a second trip to South Africa and Zambia this past summer to assist in areas supported by CareNow and to investigate new projects where CareNow can continue to make a difference. As a board member of CareNow Anne is enthusiastic about speaking for those who have no

voice.

**Ed Maliski** is currently an executive with Cure Pharmaceutical in Southern California. He is an accomplished research scientist with 30 years experience in the development of pharmaceutical and biotechnology products, a noted lecturer and strategist who has contributed his expertise in pharmaceutical product development at the Sterling Winthrop Research Institute, Glaxo Research Institute, Merck and Company and Amgen. Ed comments, “I spent 30 years in the commercial pharmaceutical industry, and want to use that experience to make a difference in areas of the world that are least served. I am especially interested in the health issues in Africa related to infectious diseases.”

**Sally Maliski**, PhD, RN, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at UCLA, as well as the Clinical Coordinator for the Westminster Free Clinic in Thousand Oaks, CA. Her research interests have been in improving cancer symptom management for the underserved communities of men with prostate cancer. Sally commented that she is “very excited about expanding globally what I do locally” as part of the CareNow board of directors.

## CareNow Accomplishments in 2008

- Medicines valued at over \$40,000 were shipped to 1000 Hills Clinic in South Africa in June
- 1000 Hills Clinic began full operation and is currently serving 1500 to 2000 people per month
- Lily Medical Centre celebrated their official opening in July, and is ramping up service to the community with full time healthcare professionals now on staff.
- CareNow Board member visits were made to each medical clinic we support in July (Board members fund their own travel costs)
- Medicines valued at over \$40,000 were shipped to our mobile clinic in Sinazongwe, Zambia in May
- During 2008, over 5000 patients were cared for and treated in Zambia through our mobile clinic staffed with one nurse, a midwife and community care-givers trained by our staff
- In November, CareNow announced a partnership with Mission Medic Air to serve the healthcare needs of people living in remote areas of Zambia



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