



Dear Friend,

LifeFlight of Maine is known for its iconic helicopters, but at the heart of the organization is the **capable and compassionate crew who make second chances possible** for our families, friends, and neighbors across the state. The LifeFlight team brings advanced ICU-level care immediately and directly to the patient wherever and whenever they need it.

It is the LifeFlight crew that Megan Blake remembers most clearly from that terrifying day when her 3-year-old son Emerson became critically ill. Emerson was experiencing a complex febrile seizure and was brought to the emergency department of the local hospital. The physicians there recognized that Emerson urgently needed more advanced care than they could provide, and they called LifeFlight to transport him to another facility.

"The emergency room was filled with many doctors and nurses, but when the LifeFlight crew arrived, it was like a parting of the seas and everyone in the room just moved out of the way to let your people evaluate and treat Emerson. At that time, we were two very hysterical parents of an unconscious son and were afraid we would never see him again."

Megan and her husband Steve followed by car. And while the trip seemed endless, they were grateful to receive updates from the crew. Emerson had arrived at the hospital and was safely transferred to the ICU.

Today, Emerson is a happy and healthy 5-year-old. He still doesn't believe it when his mom tells him that he once rode in a helicopter. Recently, the Blake family came back to meet some of Emerson's clinical crew, including flight paramedic Dave Rudolph and flight nurse Josh Gibbs. In stark contrast to his previous experience with a helicopter, Emerson and his family enjoyed an afternoon filled with questions about how fast helicopters can fly, what kind of patients the crew cares for, and, most importantly, what all those buttons in the cockpit do.

Every four hours, LifeFlight transports a patient needing emergency critical care. Those calls are for a grandparent suffering a sudden stroke, a friend in a car accident, or a young son experiencing a seizure. Please support LifeFlight of Maine today. **Your gift enables the LifeFlight crew to care for the people of Maine when they need it the most.**

With gratitude,

Kate O'Halloran
Executive Director
LifeFlight Foundation



"We are incredibly thankful for the care that Emerson received, but, more importantly, we are so appreciative of how warm the crew was – keeping us calm and informed, all while keeping Emerson safe. We can never say thank you enough."

- Megan Blake