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### **Flight For Life Announces Expansion**

*New Burlington Location Will Allow for Faster Response Times and Better Outcomes*

**WAUKESHA, Wis.** – Flight For Life has announced a new base in Burlington, located at the Burlington Municipal Airport. This expansion will advance Flight For Life’s overall mission to provide Wisconsin communities research-based critical care transport services by decreasing response times to injuries in Southern Wisconsin, including Racine, Walworth, and Kenosha Counties, therefore improving patient outcomes.

After years of site research and thoughtful planning, the expansion was approved by the Burlington Common Council. “At Flight For Life, our goal is to reduce the time frame for patients to arrive at tertiary care centers to receive the appropriate care needed, across southeastern Wisconsin” said Leif Erickson, Executive Director of Flight For Life. FFL has been a dedicated community partner for 37 years. This expansion is an example of Flight For Life’s commitment to the communities in Southeastern WI. “We are excited to welcome our long-time partners into our community. Bringing Flight For Life into Burlington strengthens our emergency response network and ensures that the citizens of this community have access to premier health care services,” said Burlington Mayor Jeanne Hefty.

With the approval of the Burlington Common Council, Flight For Life will open a base of operations in late September at the Burlington Municipal Airport and operate out of a temporary leased hangar while a permanent hangar location at the airport can be identified and constructed.

“As the community of Burlington continues to work to grow its population and attract new residents, enhanced public safety offerings also add to the community appeal,” said Burlington Mayor Jeannie Hefty. “We also look forward to a long and productive partnership with Flight For Life to support the City of Burlington Fire Department’s future goal of attaining paramedic level service while enhancing public safety in the City and Town of Burlington and surrounding Communities.”

The expansion into Burlington is an important step in Flight For Life’s overall growth strategy and goal of improving the level of patient care and outcomes for residents of Southeast Wisconsin. The Burlington Base is one component in a number of strategic initiatives that Flight For Life will be announcing in the near future.

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**About Flight for Life:**

Flight For Life has been a trusted community partner since 1984. Over the last 37 years, Flight For Life has cared for and transported more than 38,000 of the most critical patients in Southeastern Wisconsin - moving patients from scenes and area hospitals to the treatment they needed. As a not-for-profit organization, Flight For Life makes it their mission to provide safe, high-quality, and efficient medical transportation to patients with a customer-oriented approach. Learn more at [flightforlife.org](http://flightforlife.org).