

# AIRLIFT: NORTHWEST.

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Mr. Rod Swope  
City & Borough Manger's Office  
155 S. Seward St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Swope,

Airlift Northwest has greatly appreciated the past support from the Marine Passenger Fee Proceeds and would like to request a portion of this again.

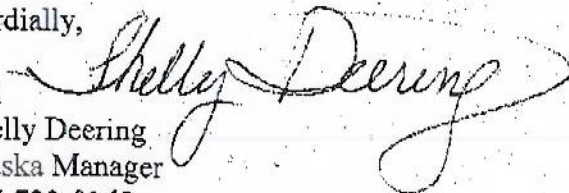
This year we transported 17 cruise ship passengers from Juneau when they became ill or injured. As of December 14<sup>th</sup> we have not recovered \$114,833.00 in billing costs for these transports. This does not include our contractual allowances for Medicare and insurances. This is reflective of the economic times where an increasing number of people don't have health care insurance or have limited health care insurance.

As a non-profit our mission is to provide critical access for patients in rural communities. We have provided \$282,000.00 in charity care for Alaska as of November 2009. Overall we are anticipating ~3.8 million in charity care for the entire Airlift program.

The support from the Marine Passenger Fee Proceeds will assist Airlift Northwest in their continued commitment to providing safe, efficient air ambulance transport service to cruise ship passengers and the Juneau community. We would like to request \$75,000.00 to offset unrecoverable costs incurred by transporting cruise ship passengers and crew.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please call or email me if you have any questions or I can provide you with additional information.

Cordially,



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