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## Special delivery

### Teddy Bear Transport receives Christmas gift

Who needs reindeer when you can arrive in Cook Children's new EC145 helicopter?

Santa landed in style in the newest addition to Cook Children's Teddy Bear Transport on Dec. 22, near the front lawn of the medical center. Media from print and television covered the event. Santa presented Cook Children's President and CEO Rick Merrill and Medical Center President Nancy Cychol with two helmets to be used with the new helicopter.

The New EC145 joins Teddy Bear Transport which also includes patient delivery by ambulance and fixed-wing airplane transport. The pilots of the helicopter are continuing their extensive training program that has included simulator training at American Eurocopter in Grand Prairie. The new aircraft is owned by Cook Children's and operated by Air Methods out of Englewood, Colorado. Air Methods is the largest provider of air medical services in the country. The aircraft is expected to be in service during early February as training continues through then.

Cook Children's first helicopter entered service in 2004, and the new EC145 will upgrade the fleet and allow Teddy Bear Transport to continue its mission of providing critical care services to the children of Texas and surrounding areas.

"This aircraft will serve the needs of patients requiring emergent transport to Cook Children's for many years," said Jack Sosebee, program director of the Teddy Bear Transport. "The technology and safety of the aircraft will insure Cook Children's is providing the very best for our patients and families in the areas we serve."

Cook Children's Teddy Bear Transport is one of the largest pediatric transport programs in the nation and serves about 2,000 children annually, and was the first Texas neonatal transport service asked by the State of Texas to assist with Hurricane Rita evacuees in September 2005.

The helicopter:

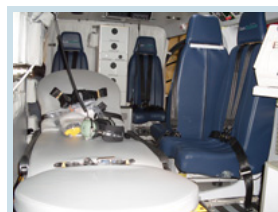
- Cost \$7.1 million
- Weighs 7,900 pounds
- Goes 150 miles per hour
- Will carry one pilot and three medical crew members

The aircraft has the following benefits:

- More room to care for the patient
- Greater ability to transport a parent with the patient
- More dependability and less down time for maintenance
- The ability to carry our own wheeled stretcher
- Shorter shut down time (30 seconds compared to 2 minutes)







The EC145 will allow Cook Children's to take advantage of the most modern technology available to assist in transporting children in the time of need. The aircraft includes the following technologies:

- Autopilot system
- Terrain awareness warning system (prevents collisions with fixed objects including the ground)
- Traffic collision avoidance system (advises where other aircraft are in flight)
- Onboard cockpit video and voice recording system
- Night vision goggle technology
- XM Weather radar
- Dual GPS system
- DVD system for the patient
- Wire strike prevention
- Satellite tracking and communication
- Twin engine aircraft (our current one is also)
- Digital audio control system



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