

Greetings one and all. We hope your summer has been an enjoyable one and that you were able to spend it with friends and loved ones. We all work for various reasons, but mainly to provide for ourselves and our families, ensuring that we have what is needed for a fruitful and loving life full of joyful times. Many achieve this goal with nary a bump. Unfortunately, there are many others who are faced with major hurdles that hinder their growth and success in life. In particular, medical issues and crisis in a child's life can have devastating effects not only on the child, but their entire family. And some never truly fully recover, if at all.

The FedExFamilyHouse at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis provides a sanctuary where families of ill children undergoing treatment can find solace and a support structure to aid in that family's path. The FedExFamilyHouse provides an environment where families can relax and remain intact supporting their child in a trying time. Many of these children face life-threatening circumstances that few of us will ever realize. The atmosphere the volunteers and employees of the FedExFamilyHouse provide is heroic and noteworthy. And their work is never truly done. When one family succeeds and moves forward, there are others quickly replacing them.

How can FedEx pilots aid in this endeavor? The FedExFamilyHouse has dozens of suites for families to use when undergoing treatment. It is not cheap. Several local corporations and groups provide funding to sponsor these rooms. Surprisingly enough, we, the pilots of FedEx, are not one of them. We would like to challenge ourselves to collectively gather the much-needed funds to sponsor a room at the FedExFamilyHouse in Memphis. It only makes sense and fittingly so. Doing the math, it would only take \$20.00 per pilot, a one-time donation, to collect the needed funds to achieve this goal—\$20.00 to help make some family's life that much easier as they and their child struggle through a difficult time.

Commencing this day, the FedEx Pilots' Charitable Fund (fedexpcf.org) is asking each and every FedEx pilot to reach into your pockets and commit to help making this a reality before this holiday season. All it takes is \$20.00 from each and every one of us. Not much individually, but as a whole, a major dose of much-needed funds. Our [website](http://fedexpcf.org) has all the information needed to assist in making your donation.

Furthermore, we ask everyone to spread the word to our fellow FedEx pilots of this fundraising campaign. Let no pilot be left behind in achieving the goal of not allowing a child to be left wanting in their time of need.

Twenty dollars from each and every one of us—that is all it will take. Please take the time to help make this come to fruition.

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