



Jennifer Padgett (seated in wheelchair) is surrounded by her mother and father, Rudy and Louise Padgett, and the employees at Roanoke who responded to Jennifer's needs, demonstrating the Piedmont spirit. Boarding stairs (top to bottom): Ken Jones, cleaner; Tommy Stultz, lead cleaner; Roger Tolley, cleaner; Robert Duncan, cleaner; Bill Freiberger, mechanic; Roger Jackson, cleaner; Jack Heenan, cleaner; Phil Johnston, cleaner; Tim Scott, cleaner; Robert Jones, inspector; and Kevin Tice, stockroom. Standing (l to r): Todd Phillips, cleaner; Chuck McKinney, cleaner; Don Renick, cleaner; Ray Arthur, automotive; Wes Crow, avionics; Andy Carnera, lead automotive; Clyde Dooley, lead cleaner; LuOra Payne, secretary; and Ron Reagan, lead mechanic.

ROA demonstrates the Piedmont spirit

Occasionally something occurs in a workplace that causes others to stop and take notice... and applaud. That was the case recently at Piedmont's Roanoke maintenance hangar, where the 152 employees responded to the plight of an eight-year-old girl who had been seriously injured in a merry-go-round accident.

Jennifer Padgett, daughter of third shift cleaner Rudy Padgett, had her right leg nearly severed in the playground accident. Because of the severity of the injury, Jennifer could not have a cast, but had to be fitted with a metal brace which has 11 pins screwed into the bone of her leg and foot to hold the bones in place. Since she can bear little or no weight on her foot and leg, Jennifer has been confined to a wheelchair since the June 24 accident. To date Jennifer has had five operations on her foot and leg, and a strong possibility remains that she will need a bone graft.

In the true spirit of Piedmont, Padgett's fellow employees from the maintenance facility decided to do something special for Jennifer. Don Renick, cleaner, assisted by Clyde Dooley, lead cleaner, and Tom Atkins, cleaner, were responsible for establishing a fund for Jennifer. Donations totaling \$400 were collected and presented to her in a purse the men had purchased.

As is typical of the Roanoke maintenance personnel, they went a step further. Wheels installed on Jennifer's brace to enable her to move about with her walker did not function properly, so sheet metal workers Vernon Shoun and Joe Harrell repaired them. In addition, they fabricated a metal tray to fit her wheelchair so she could play and eat more conveniently.

"This is the first place I have worked where anyone did something as nice as this for me and my family. These men deserve all the credit in the world. Even those who were on vacation contributed to Jennifer's fund when they returned. That's one great bunch of men," Padgett said.

It was Jennifer's thank-you note that prompted this story. She drew pictures, including those of a Piedmont 727, to give to the men. Her salutation was "Dear Piedmont friends..." That says it all.

LuOra Payne, Roanoke, contributed this story for the Piedmonitor.

service awards

40 years

Whittaker, Art
Sta. Mgr., ROA

35 years

McMillan, Ed
Captain, B767 Dom., CLT

30 years

Spencer, Jim
Captain, B767 Int'l., CLT

25 years

Angel, Jerry
Dir., Ground Support Equipment/Tooling, INT
Burger, Jim
Sr. Sta. Agt., SDF
Kelley, Dick
Dir. Reliability & Cost Cntrl., INT
McFalls, Bill, Jr.
Sr. Sta. Agt., AVL
Wirt, Bill
Sr. Sta. Agt., AVL

20 years

Alexander, Joanie
Flight Attendant, CLT
Bragg, Faye
Res. Supvr., INT
Clark, Judy
Coord., Agcy. & Group Sales, INT

Cole, Ron
Sr. Sta. Agt., RIC
Coleman, Doug
Sr. Sta. Agt., FAY
Dalton, Nancy
Flight Attendant, ORF
Ford, Sylvia
Flight Attendant, ORF
Gillespie, Charlie
Sr. Sta. Agt., AVL
Greene, Johnny
Mechanic, INT
Hutchison, Marjorie
Sr. Sta. Agt., GSO
Johnson, Tony
Supvr., AV/Elect Base Main., GSO
Moore, Walt
Lead Cleaner, INT
Petty, Jerry
Sta. Mgr., CHS
Powell, Dan
Sta. Supvr., RIC
Salley, Tommy
Cleaner, INT
Settle, Jerry
Sta. Supvr., CLT
Shuler, Clyde
Mechanic, ATL
Stamps, Sandy
Flight Attendant, CLT
Thomas, Terry
Cus. Svc. Mgr., MIA
Todd, Weenie
Mechanic, INT

15 years

Archer, Ron
Sta. Supvr., SDF
Baity, Tina
Asst. Mgr., Res., INT
Barth, John, Jr.
Sta. Supvr., MIA
Brown, David
Mechanic, INT
Campbell, Jenny
Sr. Sta. Agt., RDU
Carlucci, Phil
Supvr., CTO, NYC
Clark, David
Sr. Sta. Agt., TYS

Cook, Tommy
Shift Supvr., Dispatch, INT
Cooper, Virginia
Sr. Res. Agt., INTRO
Crumley, Carl
Dir., Pas. Proceed., INT
Goodman, Becky
Mgr., Cargo Acctg., INT
Gurganious, Frank
Cleaner, ILM
Hinkle, Myra
Res. Supvr., INT
Isabel, Charles
Sta. Supvr., PIT
Lopez, Bob
Lead Mechanic, INT
Montgomery, Barbara
Supvr., CTO, INT
Richmond, Eddie
Sr. Sta. Agt., TRI
Saxon, Lamar
Sr. Sta. Agt., CAE
Sellers, Theresa
Sr. Res. Agt., INT
Stack, Frank
Sr. Sta. Agt., SATO, FMT
Thompson, Roger
Lead Avionics Tech., GSO
Ward, Tommy, Jr.
Inspector, INT
Williams, Reese
Sr. Sta. Agt., MIA
Wright, Tony
Res. Supvr., INT
Wysong, Bill
Sta. Mgr., LAX

10 years

Allen, Carlton
Mechanic, GSO
Assaid, Mark
Sr. Sta. Agt., ROA
Batson, Hollis
Captain, B737, CLT
Braunig, Greg
Captain, B727, CLT
Burnisky, Linda
Sr. Inventory Clerk, ROA-FB
Byrnes, Mary
Grnd. Oper., Data Spec., INT

Carpenter, Bobby
Mechanic, INT
Collins, Phil
Mechanic, INT
Collmer, Sean
Sta. Supvr., SYR
Cramer, Jim
Cleaner, DCA
DeAngelo, John
Supvr., Shop Maint., GSO
Draughon, Ted
Cleaner, INT
Fine, Ken
Stock Clerk, INT
Heath, Jean
Credit Analyst, INT
Heidenberger, Tom
Captain, B737, BWI
Heitmanek, Chuck, Jr.
Captain, B737, CLT
Hill, Ted, II
Captain, B737, CLT
Johnson, C.A., Jr.
Mechanic, INT
Johnson, Gale, Jr.
Captain, B737, CLT
Krstich, Don
Captain, B737, CLT
Lee, Ty
Captain, B727, CLT
Marion, Sandy
Flight Attendant, GSO
Masencup, Eddie, Jr.
Supvr., Flight Trng. Sched., INT
McCann, Neal, Jr.
Captain, B727, CLT
Medlin, Ray, Jr.
Ground School Instruc., INT
Miles, Robert
Non-Destuc. Tech., INT
Mitchell, Muriel
Flight Attendant, MIA
Montesano, Mark
Dispatcher, INT
Morgan, Cindy
TBM Clerk, INT
Mustin, Myca
Stock Clerk, INT
Orr, Darrell
Captain, B737, GSO
Overcash, Hugh, Jr.
Lead Stock Clerk, GSO
Parker, Kendall
Lead Mechanic, INT
Pettus, Mike
Mechanic, (Automotive), TPA

Phillips, Dennie
Flight Attendant, GSO
Reece, Donna
Buyers Assistant, INT
Rhodes, Harry
Captain, B737, BWI
Rutledge, Lea Anne
Flight Attendant, CLT
Sheorn, Jimmy
Captain, B727, CLT
Torres, Elmo, Jr.
Captain, B727, CLT
Townsend, Joanna
Flight Attendant, ORF
Trepiak, Richard
Captain, F28, SYR
Tuttle, Mike
Captain, B737, GSO
Vick, Akeary
Captain, B727, CLT
Wallis, Dick
Captain, B737, BWI
Wiley, John, III
Captain, B727, CLT
Willoughby, Milton
Sr. Sta. Agt., DCA
Zettwoch, Larry
Captain, B737, CLT

5 years

Ayers, Tommy
Captain, B737, CLT
Babiarz, Jodi
Flight Attendant, BWI
Beazley, Chuck
Captain, B737, CLT
Bonavita, Joy
Flight Attendant, SYR
Brondou, Bernard
Grnd. Oper., Data Spec., INT
Brooks, Raymond
Sr. Sta. Agt., BOS
Brown, Charlie
Mechanic, GSO
Burke, Tony
Aircraft Sched. Coord. II, INT
Byron, Debra
Flight Attendant, SYR
Coleman, Tom
Asst. Dispatcher, INT
Davis, Bernie
Dispatcher, INT
Demong, Lynn
Sr. Res. Agt., INT
Harris, Ted
Sr. Sta. Agt., CLT
Hewitt, Johnna
Acctg. Clerk, INT
Hull, J.B.
Supvr., Line Maint., CLT
Joseph, John
Sta. Supvr., DTW
Lee, Regina
Sr. Sta. Agt., BOS
Lewis, Jim
Captain, B727, CLT
Logan, Bob
Captain, B737, CLT
McAlphin, Tim
Sales Rep., DCA-C
Miller, Claudia
Sr. Sta. Agt., SYR
Morgan, Carol
Secretary, ORF
Murcko, Al
Sr. Sta. Agt., PIT
Nichols, Jim
Captain, B737, CLT
O'Brien, Don
Captain, F28, BWI
Ormon, Tom
Captain, B737, CLT
Ostrander, John
Sr. Sta. Agt., ROC
Piper, Bill
Captain, B737, BWI
Purkis, Claire
Sr. Sta. Agt., PHL
Rayfield, Kenny, Jr.
Sr. Sta. Agt., CLT
Sarakaitis, Frank
District Sales Mgr., CAE
Shelton, Roy
Captain, F28, BWI
Sink, Keith
Technician II, INT-FB
Taylor, Jeff
Supvr., Gen. Acctg., INT
Walters, Marci
Flight Attendant, SYR
Williams, Ceketha
Flight Attendant, BWI
Wimmer, Kim
Shift Supvr., F/A Sched., INT
Worsham, Greg
Sr. Sta. Agt., CLT