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Mountain Rescue Aspen Receives Grant From Survivor

Aspen, Colorado – December 07, 2011 - On November 27, 1977, a private plane took off from Aspen in winter conditions as a snow squall moved across the end of the runway. Shortly after takeoff, all communication with the aircraft was lost and there was likely a downed plane. A search by Mountain Rescue Aspen, Pitkin County Air Rescue and other agencies took place over a two day period.

The Cameron family from Oklahoma was on board the downed aircraft. Initially, there were not many clues as to where the plane had come to rest. Ground teams, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were deployed to comb a large search area.

Lynda Cameron recalls the day. “Early the next morning my brother’s friend Charlie began walking and followed a creek downstream. He had no success and spent that night out in the frigid conditions and then continued on the next day and was spotted that afternoon. He was able to help direct the helicopters towards the crash site. My friend Karen began her walk out on Tuesday morning when Charlie hadn’t come back. She was found by the helicopter in a clearing. It was quite a rescue. Once they found us, the helicopter had nowhere to land and the entire recovery operation was carried out raising and lowering people and equipment on a cable. My mother JoCarol, brother Bill, the pilot and I were all brought out as well as my father’s body. My father’s name was CB Cameron and was the only one to perish in the crash.” It was November 29, 1977 when the evacuation was completed from the Capitol Creek valley

November 29, 2011, the 34th anniversary of her rescue, Lynda Cameron, daughter, survivor and now a pilot herself, attended a special meeting of Mountain Rescue Aspen. At that meeting, Lynda stood before two members

of her rescue team and announced the award of a grant to build a new and updated rescue cabin for MRA.

This donation is in tribute to her father, for whom the facility will be named, as well as a personal “Thank you” for the longstanding history of Mountain Rescue Aspen.

A humble and easily likable Lynda did not seek acknowledgement for her generosity. Rather, she stated, “I wish to be an ambassador for all those who did not have the chance to thank Mountain Rescue Aspen themselves.”

Unlike the other emergency service organizations in Aspen, Mountain Rescue is entirely supported by donations and grants from the community. To Lynda, and to all those who have thanked us and supported us over the decades, Mountain Rescue Aspen thanks you! Without your support we wouldn't exist.