

Life Net of New York Medical Director Dr. Deborah Funk Honored as the New York Yankees EMS Provider of the Year

Dr. Deborah Funk who serves as a co-medical director for the Life Net of New York and Guthrie Air helicopter programs was recently honored by the New York Yankees baseball team as EMS Provider of the Year. The Yankees hosted an EMS appreciation night at Yankee Stadium for their game against the Kansas City Royals on September 28th, 2009. Dr. Funk was invited onto the field prior to the game for presentation of the award. During the presentation, the Life Net of New York program logo was displayed on one of the stadium's large viewing screens. Dr. Funk was honored for her contributions to the Emergency Medical Services from her time as a street Paramedic through her current role as an Air Methods Medical Director. New York Yankees player Hideki Matsui posed with Dr. Funk for a photo-op on the playing field. The event was attended by more than 45,000 spectators including more than 250 EMS providers. The game was nearly a wash-out due to a rain delay and started almost two hours late. Despite the delay, fans were treated to an 8-2 Yankees win which included a grand-slam by New York Yankees Robinson Cano. This is only the second year that the Yankees have hosted such an event. Life Net of New York Flight Paramedic Ken Reardon was instrumental in having the Yankees support such an event after he became aware of the New York Mets conducting a similar event. New York City and its residents remain avid supporters of the Emergency Services following the events of 9/11.



From left to right in the photo is Dr. Funk, her son Wade, and daughter Taylor.