

# ALLY IMPACT REPORT

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF  
ANTELOPE PARK NO. 322

# ***STARS***®



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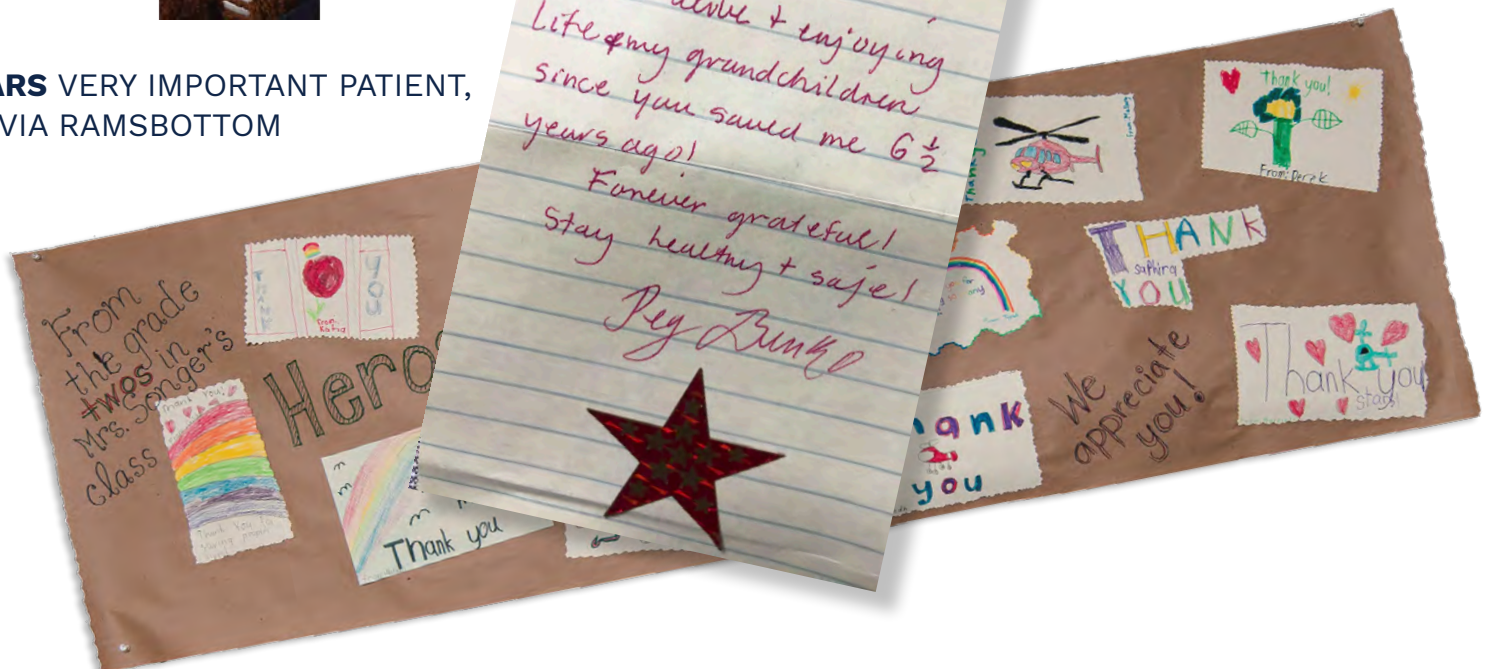
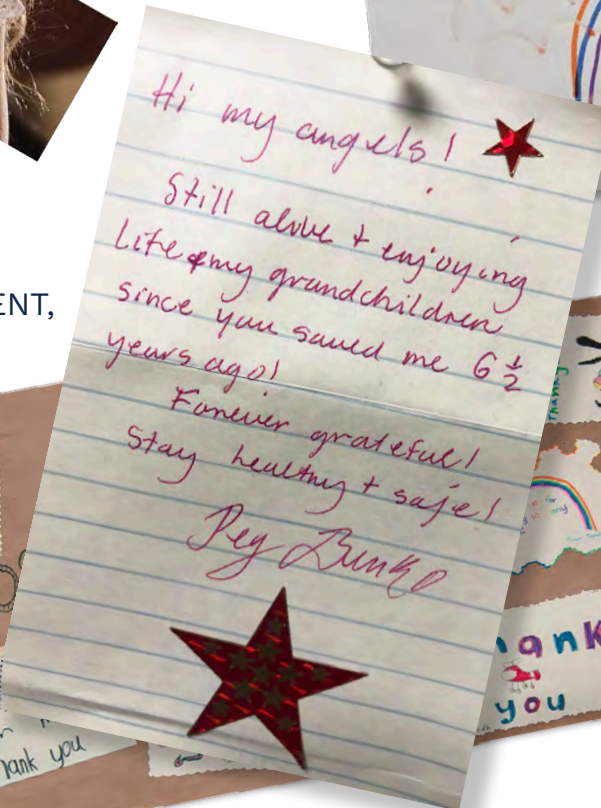
When people think of **STARS** they think of a big red helicopter ambulance rushing to care for the next really sick patient. And while that is true, it's people who make this happen. People like you allow our crews to care for the patients at the heart of our organization.

In 1985, Dr. Greg Powell founded **STARS** to fill a gap in rural health care systems. We have flown more than 50,000 missions, and we continue to train countless rural health care professionals and provide virtual care and support when our helicopter isn't the most effective option for the patient in need.

**STARS** is often thanked for the work that we do, but recognition is not our driving force. We do it for the people who live, work and play throughout Western Canada, like Olivia, because of support from allies like you. Thank you!



**STARS** VERY IMPORTANT PATIENT,  
OLIVIA RAMSBOTTOM





# VIP HIGHLIGHT

## PEGGY BENKO

One cold and blustery day in January 2015, lawyer Peggy Benko was busy working in her office when she suddenly collapsed. An ambulance rushed her to the hospital. She'd had a ruptured brain aneurysm and needed immediate surgery, but the nearest availability was a three-hour drive away.

"They said it didn't look good," said her husband Kelvin Benko, recalling the moment he received the phone call while having coffee with his mother. "They said the only way is if **STARS** has a chance to take her."

Snow was swirling that day, but the two **STARS** pilots on shift that day carefully analyzed the weather along the route and determined it was safe to fly. The surgery was a success.

"Without **STARS** I probably would not have made it," said Peggy. "And I probably would have had brain damage if I would have made it." Instead, eight months later she was able to walk her son down the aisle for his wedding, and a year after that, became a grandmother to twin girls. I wouldn't have been able to experience any of that had it not been for **STARS**." She credits a long list of 'angels' who made it possible.

"**STARS**, I call them my 'flying angels,'" she smiled. "I had many angels that day, starting right off from when I fell in my office. My first angel would have been my assistant Donna who did CPR on me. Then I had the ambulance, and the people at the hospital, and then my surgeons. Of course, the **STARS** crew, they were obviously very wonderful." She's so appreciative.

Kelvin is also very grateful. "Thank you to **STARS**," he said. "If it wouldn't have been for **STARS** to get her there, she would be dead. She wouldn't have survived. It's thanks to **STARS**."





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### ALLIES IN SAVING LIVES

In 2022, the Rural Municipality of Antelope Park generously donated \$10,000 to support STARS flight operations in Saskatchewan - **THANK YOU!**

The Rural Municipality of Antelope Park has been a steadfast and dedicated ally to STARS and our fight for life. Your support has helped provide critical training to STARS' crew members, purchase necessary medical and aviation equipment, and most importantly, allow STARS to be the best hope in a worst case scenario.

In the last year, STARS flew 3,515 missions across the Prairies, with 1,075 in Saskatchewan alone. Our Emergency Link Centre handled 36,156 requests, which is an average of 99 requests per day. Our COVID-19 response included 413 suspected or confirmed cases, which was 14 per cent of our total call volume. Your commitment to STARS has allowed us to answer the call when a patient is in need.

In 1985, STARS had one objective: to provide rapid critical care to patients who need us most. Since then, we've flown more than 50,000 missions because of ongoing support from our allies. As we've grown and evolved, STARS has never wavered from our mission. Fundamentally we believe that where you live – or work, play and travel – shouldn't impact your chance of survival.

Your support is being put to use on the ground, in the air, and virtually to help critically ill and injured patients every day. We look forward to showing you more about the impact of this gift.







# THANK YOU!

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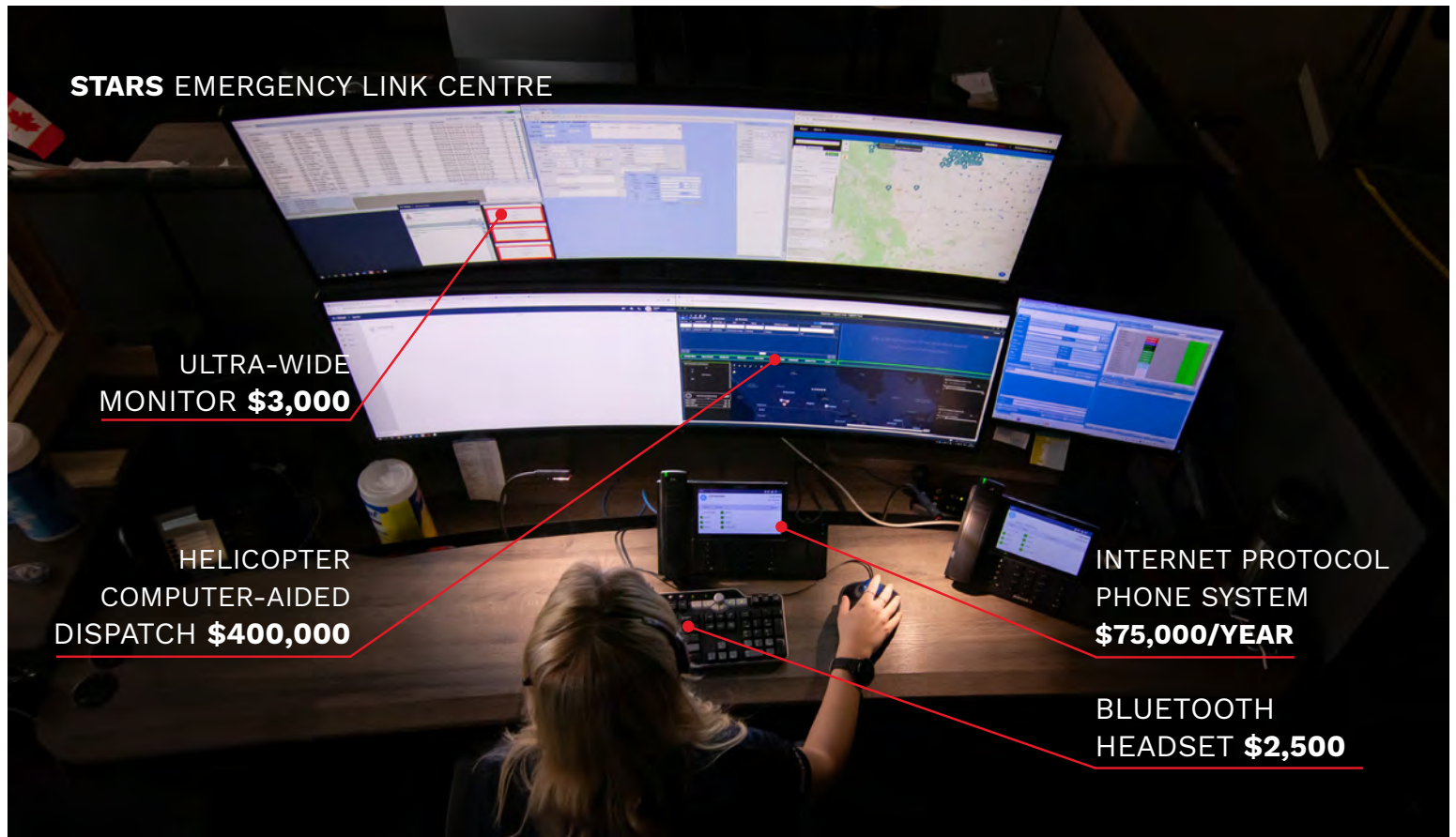
Since 2015, because of your support, STARS was able to carry out 4 critical scene missions within the Rural Municipality of Antelope Park. Thank you for helping to support the residents of the Rural Municipality of Antelope Park in the communities where they live, work and play.

STARS is more than transport. Whether by air, ground, or satellite link, the expert care delivered by our doctors, nurses, and paramedics comes in many forms. The STARS Emergency Link Centre also acts as a critical care logistics hub, connecting patients with help beyond STARS. Because of your support, we are wherever we need to be using any transportation and tools necessary to reach our patients and deliver the care that can save their lives. For some patients, a helicopter is the right method to respond. For others, our teams will go by airplane or ground ambulances. Often, our physicians can diagnose and provide care guidance directly through phone or video link. The STARS Emergency Link Centre specializes in bringing together all the healthcare and emergency response professionals who are working to help each patient survive.

Any one of us can experience a life-changing incident or medical complication whether or not we're close to care. That's why STARS exists. Your commitment makes an impact and helps deliver critical care anywhere for your residents, ensuring every one of them has access to care when they need it the most.







## STARS EMERGENCY LINK CENTRE

ULTRA-WIDE  
MONITOR **\$3,000**

HELICOPTER  
COMPUTER-AIDED  
DISPATCH **\$400,000**

INTERNET PROTOCOL  
PHONE SYSTEM  
**\$75,000/YEAR**

BLUETOOTH  
HEADSET **\$2,500**

# WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES



## H145 MEDICAL INTERIOR

DEFIBRILLATOR **\$25,000**

VENTILATOR **\$35,000**

IV BAG **\$2.50**

IV PUMP **\$3,300**



# CREW HIGHLIGHT

## JASON GRAVELINE

If it has a propeller or rotors, there's a good chance Jason Graveline has flown it during an incredible career that has spanned three decades.

A pilot at **STARS'** Manitoba base since it opened for full-time operations in the fall of 2011, Graveline spent more than 23 years with the Canadian Armed Forces before joining **STARS**, allowing him to live throughout Canada and see much of the world while on various deployments.

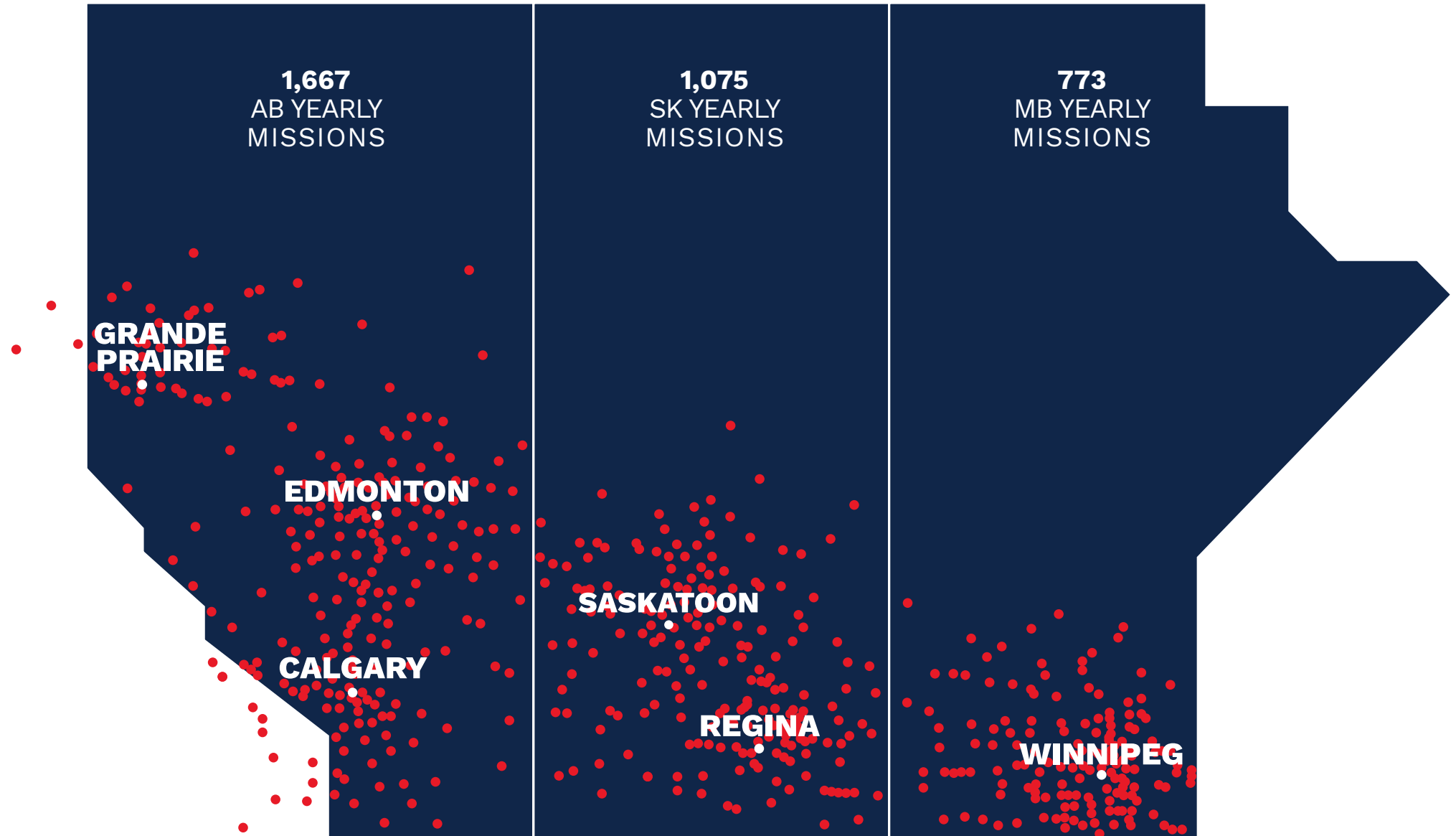
After earning his pilot wings in 1992, Graveline set forth on a path that saw him fly everything from a Sea King helicopter to a Tutor Jet and the Harvard II turboprop. Amazingly, he has logged more than 5,000 hours of flying time on 12 different aircraft and has been a part of more than 700 **STARS** missions. Graveline continues to be involved with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a flight safety officer.

Known around the Winnipeg base for his quick wit and love of the Blue Bombers and Jets, Graveline is a terrific example of an all-**STARS** team player.



# WHERE WE PROVIDE CARE

**STARS** is proud to provide critical care to the ill and injured throughout Western Canada. From eastern British Columbia to Manitoba, we are able to be there for the next patient who needs us most thanks to support from our allies.





# YEAR IN REVIEW 2021/2022

## STARS EMERGENCY LINK CENTRE

**36,156**

Emergency requests  
handled

**8,442**

Industry incidents

**99**

Average emergency  
requests per day

## MISSIONS

**3,515**

Yearly missions

**50K+**

Since 1985

**10**

Average missions  
per day

AB 1,667  
SK 1,075  
MB 773

## FUNDING

**39,183**

Annual donors

**\$10M**

Approximate annual  
cost per base

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

**413**

Suspected/confirmed  
COVID-19 patients transported

**14%**

Percentage of call  
volume

## ALLY FUNDING BREAKDOWN

### INCIDENT TYPES



Cardiac  
16%



Environmental  
<1%



Other  
medical  
20%



Pulmonary  
16%



Obstetrical  
<1%



Neurological  
10%



Other  
trauma  
17%



Vehicle  
incident  
20%



Fundraising

Government  
funding

# CRITICAL CARE, ANYWHERE.

For over 35 years, **STARS** has delivered the highest possible level of critical care to those in need with the help of our first responder partners throughout the Prairies. We strive to provide a feeling of security and comfort to Western Canadians by ensuring they know we are here for them when they need us most – in the air, on the ground or virtually. Allies like you allow us to grow through innovation. From our transport physicians providing real-time virtual care to the use of the latest radio technology, our patients know that they are in good hands when they hear “**STARS**.” Serving the next patient in need is the heart of who we are and what we do. No matter where you are, **STARS** will be there to help.

**“SUCCESS FOR STARS IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENTS WE SERVE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE THEY ARE.”** - Dr. Greg Powell, STARS founder





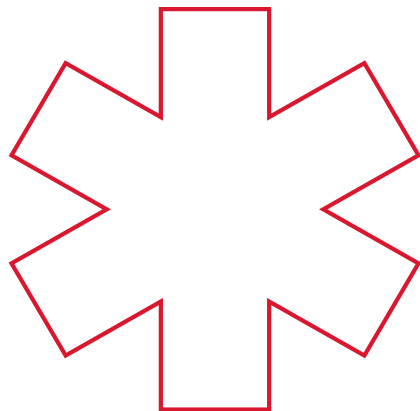
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