

Letter: CalStar membership a life-saver

To the community,

No one wants to wind up in an emergency room to begin with, let alone face the idea of being transported away from your support base of home. Once you get through your situation, it's then that you begin to think about the costs involved; it's only natural.

I have to tell you about one cost that we had control over and that was with the transportation needed to go from Barton to St. Mary's Hospital in Reno.

The hubby had a scary situation (he's just dandy now) and needed transport. We have belonged to CalStar for as long as they've provided membership and are we glad of it. I know that our \$45 investment on an annual basis has been the best money ever spent. Had we not had that coverage, I would be expecting a bill to exceed \$30,000.

I continue to be amazed at the many folks that have lived here for a number of years and they still do not have membership to this service.

With the holidays coming, why not consider getting your family members or your friends coverage as their gift. CalStar covers multiple service areas that include Concord, Gilroy, Auburn, Ukiah, Salinas, South Lake Tahoe, Santa Maria, Vacaville, and McClellan. It's the gift that you hope is never used but when it's needed, the amazing crew of CalStar will get you to your destination safely and with great care.

I want to thank the amazing crew that morning who got my husband where he needed to be. Your talents and compassion helped to keep me calm and Paul knew he was in good hands.

Thank you Jen Drennan, Stephen Poehis and pilot Kris Hunt. I am forever grateful.

Lisa Huard, South Lake Tahoe