



Airs Glaciers Founder and President Bruno Bagnoud bestowed prestigious Swiss aviation award

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Bern, October 2007 – Bruno Bagnoud, President and Founder of Air Glaciers, has been awarded the L'Aerosuisse Aviation Award 2007, the most prestigious Swiss aviation award, for being a pioneer, entrepreneur, and a force in the promotion of aviation as a service for people.

Mr. Bagnoud who received the award last week is also the co-president of the Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (AFXB) together with Albina du Boisrouvray. They founded AFXB to continue the dedication and spirit of rescue of their son, François-Xavier Bagnoud, who participated with his father in more than 300 rescue efforts with Air Glaciers in the Swiss Canton of Valais until he died in 1986, in Mali, Africa, in a helicopter accident.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, School of Aerospace Engineering, Francois-Xavier, at the time of his death was the youngest pilot in Europe IFR in both single wing planes and helicopters. His mother, Albina, sold three-quarters of her wealth a few years after his death to establish FXB as a leading force in promoting the rights of children and the care of those orphaned by AIDS.

Since the 18 years of its founding, FXB is now a leading NGO working with more than 300 staff and volunteers in innovative programs in Latin America, Africa, Asia, China and the U.S. caring for orphans and vulnerable children, especially the orphans of the AIDS pandemic, and their families to make them self-sufficient economically and able to secure the health care that they need.

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