



FLIGHTS OF HOPE NEWS



Camp Season Fundraiser

Because every child deserves to have an unforgettable camp experience

BECOME AN #AFWCAMPSEASON AMBASSADOR THIS YEAR!

Lend the gift of your voice to raise awareness and funds for AFW Camp Season by becoming an #AFWCampSeason Ambassador and starting your own fundraiser to help more children get to a specialty camp. To become an #AFWCampSeason Ambassador and learn more about AFW's Camp Season efforts, go to

<http://bit.ly/2019AFWCampFund>

Follow us on social media as we continue to share happy camper stories with you all summer!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE CAMP POSSIBLE FOR THESE KIDS AND THOSE SUPPORTING AFW THIS CAMP SEASON!

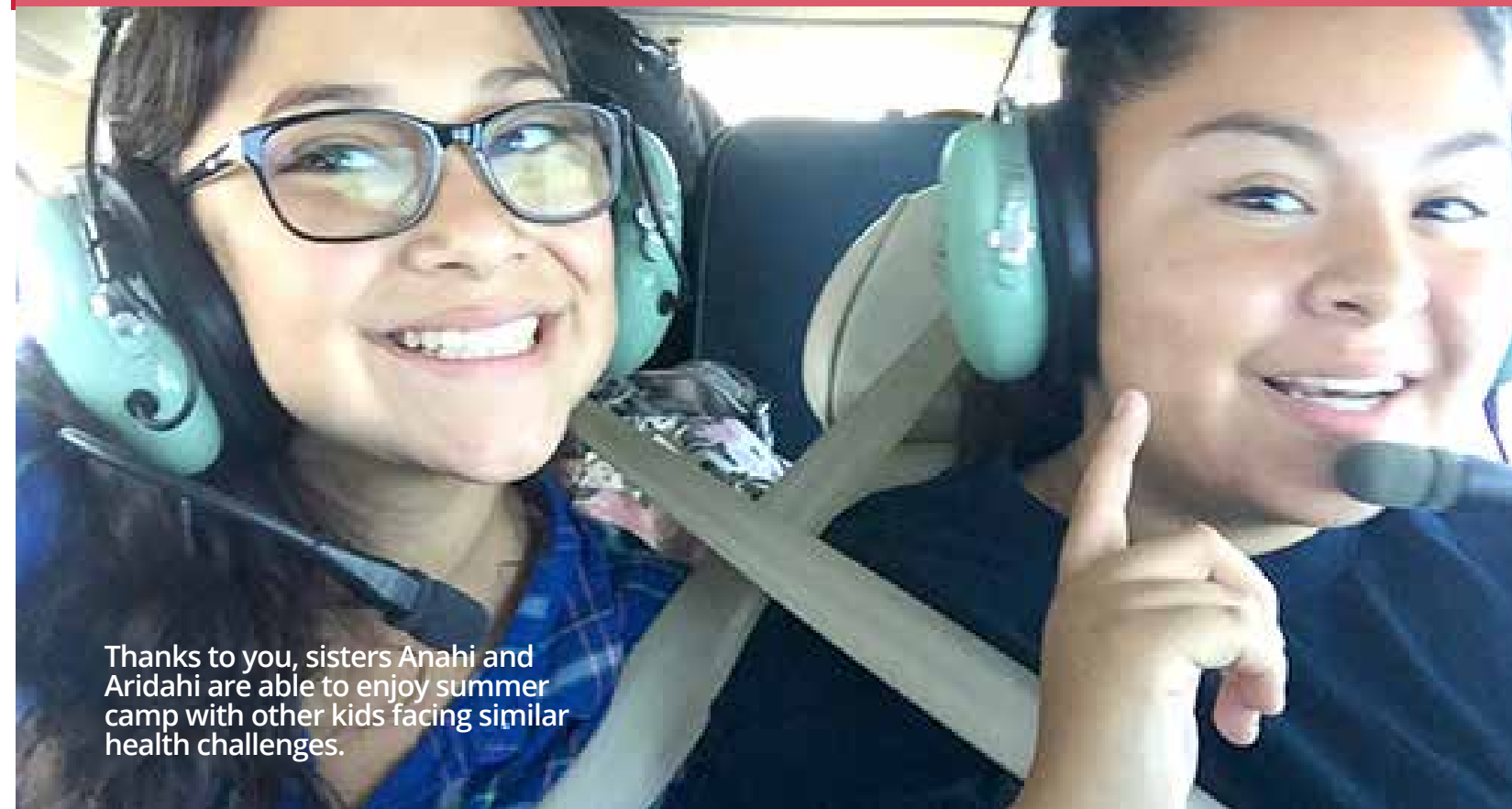


"Camp is home, it's like another family. It's where I built my self-confidence. Camp Camp has been a non-stop support my whole life—they are always rooting for me to be successful and to come out on top. That's what I want to do as a counselor for other kids."

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Thanks to you, sisters Anahi and Aridahi are able to enjoy summer camp with other kids facing similar health challenges.

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Angel Flight West delivers health and hope using donated flights to serve those with healthcare or other compelling human needs.

Angel Flight West links volunteer pilots and commercial airlines with people whose non-emergency health needs require air transportation to access care.

Angel Flight West Makes Summer Camp a Reality for Special Kids

Thanks to you, Ari and Anahi are able to enjoy a break at summer camp away from the daily challenges of caretaking for their grandmother living with HIV.

Because of your gift, sisters Aridahi (Ari) and Anahi are able to enjoy summer camp away from the daily responsibilities of helping to care for their grandmother who is living with HIV/AIDS—a challenge for a caregiver of any age. Anahi first flew with AFW to Camp Heartland in 2014 when she was 12, and Ari in 2017 when she was 15. They were even younger when their grandmother needed care and came to live with their family. Both girls are now going to college. Their mom Lorena supplies most of the caretaking, but the girls help their

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last month, the 6th Annual Endeavor Awards featured Red Bull Skydivers, WW-II Condor Squadron fly-over, US Astronauts and amazing volunteer pilots from across the nation honored for



Josh Olson
Executive Director

their gifts of flight. We celebrated our dedicated volunteers at AFW while raising awareness and funds to reach more families in need of our life-saving flights. What a fantastic evening! On behalf of our Board of Directors, our Gala committees, the AFW staff, and most importantly our courageous passengers, I want to thank you for your sensational show of support.

We're excited to put your generosity to work!

Every year, AFW has the opportunity to serve hundreds of children who have been dealt a hard hand in life: young burn survivors, kids battling cancer, children who are blind, hearing-impaired, have juvenile diabetes, kidney disease or HIV/AIDS. We're so grateful for our compassionate and generous volunteer pilots who fly our special passengers to camp each summer.

We hope you'll join in by making a donation to AFW and bring hope, laughter and carefree memories to these extraordinary children.

Inside, you'll meet three campers. Your continued generosity will help us give an unforgettable camp experience to more people like Anahi, Aridahi and Jed. Every gift counts! Read on for more ways to support the AFW Camp Season.

Ever grateful,

Josh Olson, Executive Director

Wounded Warriors learn to cope with PTSD at special camp

Thanks to you, many veterans get life-saving help sharing their challenges returning from war.



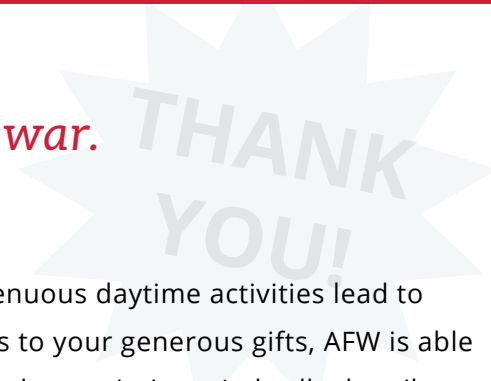
Wounded Warrior Jed helped establish a summer camp where returning veterans get emotional and physical support for the challenges of PTSD. Your gift helps get them to camps where they find support amongst their peers.

Jed M. served in the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan where an IED was triggered causing him to lose both legs above the knee and severely damaging his right hand. He was transferred to Germany, then to a US hospital for about four months and two more years of rehabilitation followed. A couple of years after his injury, Jed learned that a buddy who was in the same hospital in San Diego, and had seemed to be doing very well, had committed suicide. Jed decided to do something to help stem the trend of suicide by military veterans.

The White Heart Foundation, a nonprofit serving the needs of severely injured warriors, had donated a wheelchair that Jed uses on a variety of terrains, and he became involved in a White Heart annual motorcycle event that raises funds for warriors' life-enhancing services.

Jed brought his idea to Ryan Sawtelle at White Heart, and together they worked to create The Guardian Project tailored for veterans living with PTSD, depression, and other mental health conditions associated with post-military life. The Guardian

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Jed's Story Continued...

Project hosts therapeutic camps that build long-term relationships as strenuous daytime activities lead to nights of fireside discussions about issues they're all dealing with. Thanks to your generous gifts, AFW is able to provide transportation for a number of veterans. AFW pilots love flying these missions. Jed calls the pilots "awesome, kind and amazing."

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mom with daily tasks and ongoing research for new treatments.

Because of the considerable time involved, Lorena missed many of her kids' events and often couldn't pick them up from school. This kind of illness consumes all of their lives.

Thanks to you, the girls finally get time away from it

all at summer camp with other kids facing a similar situation.

Aridahi says, "Camp is a place where I can escape to. Without AFW, we probably wouldn't be able to go."

Anahi adds, "Camp allows me to express myself without judgment. It makes me feel comfortable especially with something that's impacted all of us."

Help AFW Send a Kid Battling Health Challenges to Summer Camp Make a gift to help sponsor 60 camper flights this summer!

Every year Angel Flight West has the heart-warming opportunity to help hundreds of very special children kick off summer. Specialty camps for kids operate throughout the western United States, but many children can't take part in these life-enriching experiences because their families face enormous financial hardships that prevent their son or daughter from getting to camp.

Access to transportation and travel costs shouldn't be a barrier - and that's where AFW and our compassionate pilots step in. AFW coordinates more than 500 specialty camp missions each year for children battling cancer, young burn survivors and more, and most of them take

place during the summer season. The work behind each mission is enormous.

We're asking for your help to sponsor 60 camper flights this year. \$250 gets one child all the way to camp!

