



FLIGHTS OF HOPE News

A Mission Moment

Passenger Alice and AFW Pilot Bob Schaper

On May 31, 2017, WA Wing Command Pilot Bob Schaper flew his 1,000th AFW mission with passenger Alice S. from Renton, WA to Portland, OR on her way home from her chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. Bob joined AFW seven years ago, and is only the second AFW pilot to fly 1,000 missions. He humbly responded to the ceremony AFW met him with upon landing by saying, "They seem to think a thousand is a big number." That makes sense as he admits to flying around 5,000 donated flights to other organizations before AFW!

Bob is a retired social worker

and gets immense pleasure out of flying AFW's passengers. He says, "You can't put a dollar sign on satisfaction." After the event, Bob emailed that he and his wife "both want to thank you and your team for all the work and planning that went into yesterday's very special day for me. You all made it a really nice surprise beyond what I thought would happen, even down to having the Renton Tower congratulating me as I took off. The flight for Alice and friend down to Portland was beautiful and smooth. I will be trying to get the flight once a month for her as that's how often she comes up for treatment now.

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L to R: Passenger Alice S., flying from Renton, WA to Portland, OR on her way home for her chemo treatment for ovarian cancer, along with Mission Assistant and AFW member Ed Boyer, and WA Wing Command Pilot Bob Schaper on his 1,000th AFW mission.



Camp Season is Underway!



NV Wing Command Pilot Cody Sommer flying these bundles of energy from Prescott, AZ to Las Vegas, NV to Camp Courage, a non-profit camp for young burn survivors. AFW has been flying kids to various specialty camps where they can enjoy the fun of a camp experience without feeling any different from other kids.

Every summer, Angel Flight West provides nearly 500 flights to take children to and from specialty camps. For many of these kids, it is the only chance they have to feel "normal" all year.

Please consider sponsoring a camp mission. A \$250 donation enables AFW to arrange a flight for each of our VIP campers. You will be giving very special children a part of their childhood back. In addition, you will be helping these camps provide more than just fun—many of them also provide medical service, psychological counseling, and more. But, as burn survivor Amanda says, the most important thing the camps provide is the ability "to meet other kids like me." By going to camp, they learn that they are not alone. Please, help us to give these extraordinary kids an extraordinary time this summer! <https://afids.angelflightwest.org/give>

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ASK JOSH

by Josh Olson, Executive Director

AFW Receives Coveted 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating

*"Dear Josh Olson,
On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Angel Flight West on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Angel Flight West exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Angel Flight West apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.*



*Sincerely,
Michael Thatcher, President and CEO*

What's the significance of a 4-star rating?

– AFW Board Member Kelsey Martin

Angel Flight West is excited to have received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator this year. Charity Navigator is an organization and website that provides the general public a review of nonprofits' performance in terms of service, accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. Fewer than 20 percent of reviewed charities receive this award each year, so we're pleased to share the great news with you. This rating is a wonderful reflection of our important and life-changing cause, incredibly committed volunteers, generous donors, and hard-working staff! We couldn't do this without all of you. Please feel free to view our page on their website at <http://tinyurl.com/ya9sew6s>

In addition, our continued great work and impact on the lives of the patients we serve is displayed on our 2016 Annual Report enclosed in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone for your invaluable assistance as we continue our ascent!



Give your swing some wings, and play a round that matters! We hope you will help AFW "tee it high and let it fly" by joining us for a fun day on the greens and make an investment that will truly change a life for the better! Visit <http://www.angelflightwest.org/golf/> for details and participation opportunities for this year's AFW Golf Classic on Friday, Oct. 13th at the seaside Monarch Beach Golf Links in Orange County, CA.



A great crowd of AFW pilots, volunteers, staff and supporters gathered at the Patriots Jet Team hangar at Byron Airport for the annual **No. CA Wing Fly-In.**

AFW Board of Directors

AFW would like to extend a big thank you to **Joe Sprague** for his five years of generous service on the AFW Board of Directors. We welcome new board member, **Alison Donway.**

To view all AFW Command Pilots who have flown missions in the last 90 days click on or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/mwsv2s7>

JetSuiteX Donates Up to \$25,000 in Flights to AFW

JetSuiteX donated \$25,000 worth of JetSuiteX seats to AFW. The donation translates to transportation to treatment for 100 patients in No.CA, So.CA and NV.

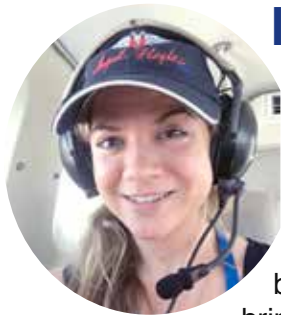
JetSuiteX also supported the Earth Angel program by donating a Napa Valley air and ground travel package worth more than \$2,500 to the Endeavor Awards silent auction. "When we created JetSuiteX, it was with the idea that we could make flying easier and more comfortable for our passengers, and we're honored to extend that to the patients and clients that AFW serves," says Alex Wilcox, Founder and CEO of JetSuiteX.

AFW Executive Director Josh Olson adds, "Thanks to our new partnership with JetSuiteX, AFW is thrilled for the opportunity to offer access to care for more patients in need. JetSuiteX, along with our volunteer pilots and commercial airline partners, relieves the extreme stress of transportation to care because of their generous curb-to-curb service."

JetSuiteX provides the speed and comfort associated with private jet travel but for the price of a traditional airline seat operating regularly scheduled air travel service between LA, the Bay Area and Las Vegas, starting at \$99 each way. For more information: <http://prn.to/2u4dSh6>



L to R: Passenger's dad, passenger Juan R. traveling for treatment of heart issues. The rest are the JetSuiteX crew on their first AFW mission. Juan's parents are without funds for travel and the long drive is hard on the family. Thank you, JetSuiteX!



In the Hangar

Mary Hunter, Corporate & Individual Giving Manager

AFW welcomes our new Corporate & Individual Giving Manager, Mary Hunter. With a background in the arts, business and philanthropy, Mary brings a fresh voice to Angel Flight West. Before elevating angels, Mary connected the people of Los Angeles while serving as the Manager of Strategic Relations for CicLAvia, an LA-based nonprofit that temporarily closes streets to car traffic and opens them for use as a public park. While there, Mary set out to enliven public spaces, encourage active transportation and connect communities across Los Angeles. After three years at CicLAvia, she sought out new ventures in development, and more so, a direct connection to the people she's helping. "I have loved every moment at AFW and learning more about our amazing community of volunteers,

our courageous passengers as well as their loving families and supporters."

Mary came on board in March of this year and hit the ground running, jumping straight into the Endeavor Awards event in May. Just recently, she flew on her first mission in a Cessna 340 to Champ Camp. Looking back, she recalls that "there was such a sense of freedom and calm while up in the air. I want our passengers to experience that same feeling with each and every flight." After one mission, she was hooked! In fact, she's excited to jump into the captain's seat and train for her very own pilot's license. With her eye on the sky, Mary is excited to raise awareness, inspire hope and connect like minds to AFW. Her enthusiasm for the mission of AFW, coupled with her artistic vision for outreach will surely help to successfully open new sectors to the organization. Welcome aboard, Mary!

The Fourth Annual Endeavor Awards a Huge Success!



Upper L photo: Inspiration Award Winner Captain "Sully" Sullenberger giving an uplifting speech. Middle photo: Honorees Jeff Bennett, Captain Sullenberger, Steve Danz, and Col. Dick Stoops. Right photo: attendees enjoying the Fourth Annual Endeavor Awards.

The Fourth Annual Endeavor Awards was a momentous evening where 450 guests, volunteer pilots, corporate partners, celebrities and aviation luminaries gathered beneath the Space Shuttle Endeavour in the California Science Center in Los Angeles, to celebrate charitable aviation and the generous pilots who use their planes, time and flying skills to help others.

Thank you to everyone who was there and supported us in so many ways. You helped raise more than \$520,000 in total to help provide free flights to children, veterans, rescue animals, and individuals seeking medical treatment or other life-saving resources. We also had the opportunity to introduce

Angel Flight West to hundreds of new guests and supporters.

We are so grateful to Captain "Sully" Sullenberger, the Inspiration Award Winner, for donating his time to celebrate the amazing volunteer pilots who go above and beyond to give back to their communities. Captain "Sully," known for the unforgettable "Miracle on the Hudson" landing said, "It's the little gifts of civic virtue that we occasionally give each other that makes civilization possible. That's why I'm so honored tonight...to thank everyone involved with Angel Flight for doing the hard work... taking that patient to get to the sometimes lifesaving care that they need because, besides cost, the greatest barrier to

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Friends and family are honored and remembered through donations made to AFW in their names.

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In Memory Of

Scott Nankervis	Peter and Kathleen
Dr. Rik A.	Tomarken
Vanooteghem	Tim Braly
Deeb Hammoudeh	Gene Steffen

In Honor Of

Gerald Moret	Les Filler
Harrison Steele	Pete Bernardin
John Rowley	Richard Iverson
Kent Allebrand	Steve Danz



Three-year-old Jayden H. says he's thumbs up and ready to go from Missoula, MT to Seattle, WA with NV Wing Command Pilot Shawn Linch. Jayden is being treated at Childrens Hospital for muscular atrophy. The family's funds are depleted due to Jayden's care and medical costs.



Passenger Cleve W. with his son August returning from visiting his daughter Stella who is being treated at Seattle Children's Hospital. **WA Wing Command Pilot Bill Ayer (former Alaska Airlines CEO)** dropping off his passengers on leg 1 from Seattle, WA to Spokane to pilot **WA Wing Command Pilot Jared Smith** who flew leg 2 home to Helena, MT.



Congratulations to **So. CA Wing Command Pilot Austin Stringer** (center) who flew his first mission for **passenger Kyle A.** (left) and his dad, flying from El Monte, CA to Oakland, CA. Kyle will be a transplant donor for his half-brother who has leukemia. They are a low-income family with no funds available for travel.

The Fourth Annual Endeavor Awards *...continued from page 4*

getting care is transportation. Not everyone gets the recognition for what they do. We have people doing a lot of important things—working things, selfless things—all the time. They just haven't been publicly noticed. So, it's all the more important that we thank them, acknowledge their work, and encourage others to do the same."

The three honorees were: AFW Pilot Steve Danz for surpassing 1,000 charitable flights with AFW. Sonia Paz Baronvine introduced Danz, saying "I want to thank the many Angel Flight pilots, especially Steve, who flew our family from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles. Without them my children wouldn't be alive today."

Col. Dick Stoops of Versailles, KY, volunteers for Remote Area Medical, an international organization that operates medical clinics in isolated areas and mobilizes relief efforts when natural disasters strike. Last year, after Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti, Stoops landed in Port-au-Prince to deliver more than 50,000 meals to the victims.

Jeff Bennett of Big Pine, FL, volunteers for Pilots N Paws, the go-to airline for shelters and animal rescue groups across the country. Jeff rescued more than 5,000 animals through flight. Angela Fletcher, a

Special Operations K-9 Deputy with her dog Maddy introduced Bennett: "If it was not for Jeff's dedication to saving lives, Maddy's gifts of locating missing people, solving crimes, and providing therapy may have gone undetected. Maddy is a hero to the mid-south, and Jeff is a hero to the world."

We thank our generous event sponsors: AOPA, Pegasus Elite Aviation, Jeppesen, TempusJets, Alaska Airlines, Anthem Blue Cross, NBAA, The Kauffman Family Foundation, Windermere, and Clay Lacy Aviation among many others! And an equally big thank you to our amazing event chair, Mark Wolper, our Host Committee, and hosts Amelia Earhart and Matt Rogers. Finally, thank you to the evening's generous auction bidders like Maverick, Ice Man, Viper, Black Widow, Governor Gorgeous, and of course our inspiring passengers who courageously shared their stories with us. They put the "angel" in Angel Flight and poignantly reminded us of the importance of what we do!

You can still support the event by sharing our photos and story with friends at <http://www.endeavorawards.org/> DONATE, or volunteer! Hope to see you at Endeavor Awards 2018!

Air to Air



→ We are saddened to share the news of the passing of **AFW OR Wing Command Pilot Tim Braly**. Tim flew missions in many of our Wings combining his volunteer flying with his business flights. In just a few years, Tim flew over 130 missions in his prized Cirrus airplane he named Ruby!

Tim passed away on March 23, 2017 at the age of 44. He is survived by family and friends all across the country and the world. He served on the bomb squad in the U.S. Army and later received his degree in computer engineering. He will be remembered at AFW for his generous heart and spirit as he carried out the mission of helping those in need. A memorial service will be held at the Allegheny County Airport in PA on July 22nd. The family has asked for donations to AFW in his name.

→ **glassybaby**, a private Seattle company of handmade glass votive candle holders, donates a percentage of profits to charities that help cancer patients. AFW is one of these fortunate charities. Go to website at <http://www.glassybaby.com/wings>

→ **Phillips 66®** has agreed to provide AFW pilots a \$1-per-gallon avgas rebate. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/y7aswwf3>

→ The aviation-focused company **Scheyden** offers a 50% discount to AFW members on their eyewear products. Use the promo code ANGEL on checkout at <http://scheyden.com/>

→ **ZuluLog**, a professional, cloud-based online pilot logbook system, is offering 10% discount to all AFW members and a donation back to AFW with every purchase! Use code ZULUAFW when ordering at <https://www.zululog.com/>



Quench your summer thirst and help AFW at the same time! **Hangar 24 Craft Brewery**

is donating a percentage of their summer beer "Wheels Up," a Helles Lager, sales to AFW through July! Each six-pack sold gets our passengers one mile closer to their treatment destination. To find a store near you that carries the beer go to: <http://hangar24brewery.com/findbeer.htm>

Angel Flight West Wishes to Thank Our Top Contributors

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Inc. (NBAA)
Stephen & Marjorie Danz

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Passenger Alice and AFW Pilot Bob Schaper ...continued from page 1

Thanks for the nice notes from several of your staff also, Bob Schaper."

As for Alice, she is grateful for Bob and all the pilots who have flown her on about 50 missions between March 2012 and 2017. She says, "This service is invaluable. It's just wonderful that these pilots volunteer to help others, otherwise I wouldn't be able to make the three hour trip there and three-and-a-half-hour trip home." Alice has nine children, five grandchildren and two on the way. She says, "I have to fight this because I have too much to live for...and they'd have to get another babysitter." Alice will be flying with Bob again to help him go for his next 1,000!

Completing the “Last Mile”

For many passengers, a taxi from airport to medical facility can be a financial hardship and can even prohibit a passenger from flying with AFW. Since officially launching the Earth Angel program, AFW has been able to provide door-to-door transportation for many patients. Southern California Earth Angel Margot Bernal has completed 68 ground missions this year, driving patients to UCLA and Cedars-Sinai from the Santa Monica Airport. Utah Earth Angel Karen Ardin has completed 10 ground missions so far this year and says, “I’ve had the rare privilege of being a ‘ground angel’ for AFW, have met so many great people and have enjoyed this so much. This is an awesome program!”

Our Earth Angel program has been a great way for our non-pilot members to volunteer. Much like the pilot process, Earth Angel sign-up online is easy. Those interested complete a short online orientation, and utilize our easy-to-use internet system (AFIDS) to search and request missions. Thanks to AFIDS, it’s a seamless process and removes the burden of ground transportation for our passengers and our pilots. Please go to <http://www.angelflightwest.org/earth-angels/> and sign up to be among our Earth Angels!



L to R: Passenger Carmen D., So.CA Wing Command Pilot John Neustadt, and Earth Angel Margot Bernal.

Your miles donated to Alaska Airlines charity miles program help AFW's passengers get to necessary medical treatment. In addition, AFW thanks Alaska Airlines for its generous donation of hundreds of tickets to patients in need of medical treatments. You can donate miles to AFW via Alaska Airlines at: <http://tinyurl.com/993tk7s>



JULY

22 2017 Idaho Falls Airshow
9:00am-5:00pm
Idaho Falls Regional Airport

AUGUST

04 SoCA TRACON talk/tour 11:00am
05 OR Wing Fly-In, Aurora Airport 10:00am-2:00pm

2017 Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

13 Reno Air Races Reno, NV
22 OR International Air Show Hillsboro Airport
30 AFW Tri-Wing Fly-In Lake Havasu 11:00am-5:00pm

OCTOBER

07 AFW at Ramona Air Fair & Fly-In Ramona Airport 9:00am
13 AFW Golf Tournament, Monarch Beach 10:30am
18 OR Rural Health Conference Sunriver Resort, OR 8:00am

NOVEMBER

04 Brews & Props Boese Brothers Brewery 4:00pm-7:00pm



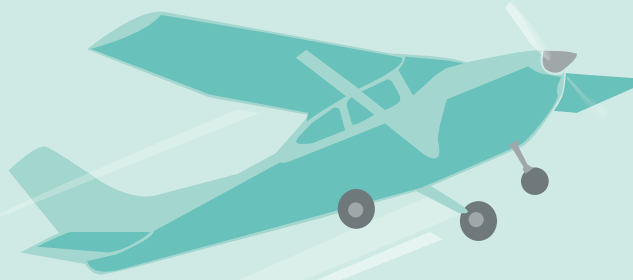
Passenger 15-year-old Vy N., her dad and mom boarding So. CA Command Pilot Adam Carroll's Pilatus on what would have been a 2-leg mission. Earth Angel volunteer Niell O'Donnell drove the family from UCLA where Vy was seen by doctors for her post kidney transplant to the Santa Monica airport. From there, Adam flew both legs to Blythe and on to Vy's home in Tucson, AZ. The family has one income and struggles meeting treatment expenses and travel costs. AFW is helping to alleviate the latter.

Contact Wings for local information or click on: <http://tinyurl.com/pxv6cxc>



ASCENDING

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



11 FLIGHTS PER DAY

416 EARTH ANGEL TRIPS

839 NEW MEMBERS

1,125 FLIGHTS DONATED BY ALASKA AIRLINES

1,205 PATIENTS FLOWN

2,259 VOLUNTEERS

2,383 TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

4,143 FLIGHTS FLOWN

1,844,870 MILES FLOWN

\$6,964,761 PILOT IN-KIND DONATIONS



STORIES OF 2016

DONOR LIST

Thank you for your donations in 2016. Your generosity bridges the transportation gap by providing the gift of flight to those in need of medical treatments or other humanitarian needs. We could not pursue our mission without you. <http://www.angelflightwest.org/donate/angel-flight-west-donors/>

PILOT LIST

Thank you for providing the fuel of compassion and the generosity of donated flights. You are literally the wind beneath our wings; we could not do it without you.

<http://www.angelflightwest.org/donate/2016-volunteers/> These are our angels!



WYOMING | Rose S. suffered for years with kidney disease until she finally received a transplant. It was a success, but she still needs regular treatment and follow-up appointments. Rose lives in Sheridan, Wyoming, and her treatment facility, Intermountain Transplant Center, is in Murray, Utah. That's a nine-hour drive each way, something that Rose can't do. Our volunteer pilots have donated four round-trip flights.



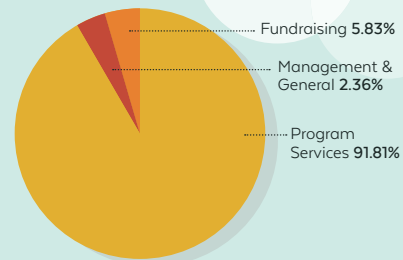
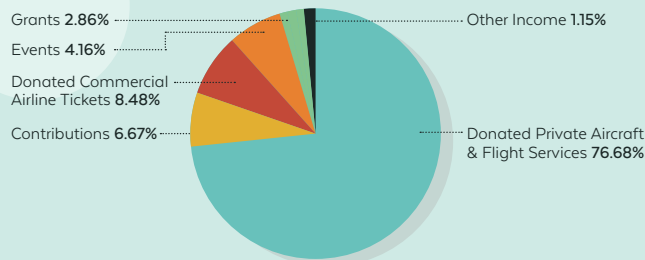
CALIFORNIA | Sixteen-month-old Henry has cystic fibrosis. The Redding toddler sees a specialist at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and is quickly becoming an AFW frequent flyer. Usually, when traveling with Angel Flight West, the family can do the round-trip in a single day. But when things don't go as planned, our pilots go the extra mile (or several hundred)



CALIFORNIA | Gerardo is an 8 year-old and one of several kids we fly to Rady Children's Hospital Cochlear Implant Program in San Diego that live in very rural areas where there are no specialists to provide treatment for hearing loss.

FINANCIALS

We work hard to make sure all donations are used efficiently to serve as many people in need as possible. The charts below depict how we raise and spend generously donated funds; full financials are available at: <http://www.angelflightwest.org/about-us/financial/>



TOTAL 2016 REVENUE: \$9,016,859

TOTAL 2016 EXPENSES: \$9,106,049



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“ When you have a child who has a serious medical condition, your time and resources are often spent just taking care of them or the expenses. Thank you for giving my daughter a chance to get away and meet other kids that can relate to what she so often feels. ”

• Molly (mother of AFW camper)



AFW serves over 20 camps

Angel Flight West is the unofficial airline of over twenty summer camps for special children—children who are burn survivors, who are living with HIV/AIDS, who are battling cancer, or who have other serious medical conditions.

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