

# You Helped a 10-year-old with a Brain Tumor Fly to Life-Saving Chemo

Thanks to you, Mo—who's fighting stage 4 brain cancer—no longer has to endure long drives to treatment that made him feel sick. Your generosity helped get him flights to and from his medical care over 300 miles away from his home.

Mo, just 10 years old, was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor last May. He got sick quickly and needed specialized care. But it was a 5 hour drive away. His mom, Tasha—a single mom—had to take time off of work to make the trip.

The car ride made Mo sick. Mo needed medicine every two hours and help with his feeding tube. Tasha had to pull over frequently to help him. The 5-hour drive turned into a 10-hour drive...and the whole time Mo was miserable.

But you helped Mo and his mom when they needed it most! Thanks to you, Mo can now fly to and from his chemo treatment and specialist doctors. Mo has never felt sick on an Angel Flight. Tasha can focus on helping Mo the entire time. You helped make Mo and Tasha's lives easier during a scary time for them. Thank you!



You made it possible for Mo and his mom to fly to Mo's treatment for brain cancer

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# FLIGHTS OF HOPE NEWS

Thank You!

This edition of Flights of Hope is full of stories of grateful patients. Your support made it all possible. We appreciate you!



Thanks to you, Gage and his mom are able to fly back and forth for specialized medical treatment twice a year.

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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.

## 10-year-old Heart Transplant Patient Flown to Treatment from Haines, OR

Your gift made Gage's treatment for a rare heart condition possible

Your generosity made it possible for Gage, age 10 from Haines, OR and his sisters to get treatment for a rare heart condition they all have. Gage and his sisters have Dilated Cardiomyopathy. Their life-threatening illness required each of them to get a new heart. And they still need to have follow-up care by a

specialized doctor hundreds of miles away.

But getting to treatment was a challenge. To make the drive to the doctor, Gage and his sisters would have to miss days of school, and they would fall behind. His parents would have to take time off work. And they would need to make the

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Inside this newsletter are the stories of three of the people your generosity reached in the past year. Because you provided the gift of flight, Gage, Sylvia and Mo were able to access the medical care they needed.



Josh Olson  
Executive Director

The gift of flight to and from medical care is so important. Your generosity helped save families precious time. You provided another option when commercial flights were not possible. That is so important for someone who is fighting a serious illness.

Every day, I meet people and families who would not have received life-saving medical care if it weren't for you. You are an "angel" to them, and for that I am profoundly grateful. Every person whose life you have touched thanks you deeply. And, I do too!

Josh Olson, Executive Director

# Breast Cancer Patient Gets Angel Flight

Thanks to you, Sylvia can stay at home in Benton City, WA and get top-of-the-line medical care in Seattle



Unable to make the 5-hour drive to Chemotherapy, Sylvia needed help getting to and from her treatment. Your gift helped her get regular flights from Benton City, WA to Seattle for her treatment!

Thanks to you, Sylvia can get the cancer care she needs in Seattle while continuing to live in her beloved home.

The drive to and from Seattle from her home in Benton City, WA was no longer possible for Sylvia. After her husband died last year, she had to make the 5-hour drive alone. It was too exhausting. Too dangerous. She couldn't do it anymore. But she had to travel to Seattle to get her chemotherapy and meet with her oncologists. She felt like she either had to leave her home or give up her medical care.

One day, while Sylvia sat in the Chemo center—completely exhausted—someone mentioned Angel

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## Sylvia's Story Continued...

Flight West. She reached out, and thanks to your incredible generosity, Sylvia has never had to make the drive again!

Your kindness meant that Sylvia could stay in her home she shared with her husband for many years near the mountains -- the place she found herself at peace in the middle of her battle with cancer. And, she could still get the medical care her life depended on.



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trip many times every year. On top of that, commercial flights are too expensive: "Four round-trip tickets was [financially] impossible to do," said Gage's mom.

But you were there for them when they needed help. Because of you, Gage, Sierra and Lindsay were all matched with a volunteer pilot when they needed to fly to treatment.

Gage's mom said, "I don't know where we would have been without Angel Flight West." Because you gave, all three siblings are able to fly back and

forth for their follow up care.

Thank you for helping Gage and his sisters. The flights you helped provide have been a true blessing for them and their parents.

It is challenging enough to have one family member with a complex medical issue. But you helped three people in one family!

Today Gage and his sisters are all doing well. Thanks to you, they are all happy, fun-loving kids!

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