



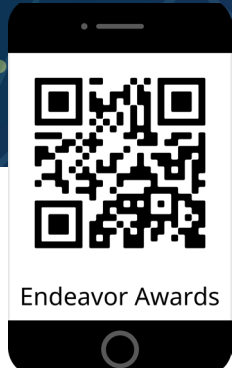
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JUNE 9, 2023



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Angel Flight West is honored to celebrate 20 years of partnership with Alaska Airlines. Because of their steady support, more than 15,000 patients in multiple states have flown to needed care via Alaska Airlines, along with 8,900 caregivers and companions.

On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and passengers, we sincerely thank Alaska Airlines for their commitment and dedication to families across the West.



Dear Supporters,

In 1983, a small band of pilots gathered at Santa Monica Airport. They shared a love of flying and had something else in common: each was looking for a way to use their talents to make a difference.



Soon, they flew a dozen patients to medical care. And that was the beginning of Angel Flight West.

Now, we're celebrating four decades of charitable aviation. Together with our supporters and volunteers, we've changed – and saved – many lives, removing the transportation barrier for thousands of patients facing healthcare challenges.

And we've grown to meet other needs for our communities and partners.

We've flown young burn survivors and children with serious illnesses to specialty camps, relocated survivors of domestic violence to safe places, and helped canine companions make it to training to become search-and-rescue dogs and service dogs for veterans.

We're thrilled to be on our way to reach another monumental milestone this year: our 100,000th mission flown. We're so proud of the role Angel Flight West plays in helping people in our communities, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate our history and soar through the next 40 years.

Sincerely,

Josh Olson
Executive Director



Thank you 2022 donors!



MEET JEN FROM OREGON

Jen had just made the big decision to accept a new position in Southern Oregon when another life-altering event crossed her path. "I found out I had Stage 1 ovarian cancer," says Jen. "It was a huge shock. And not to mention, I was in the middle of moving from Colorado to Oregon for my new job, so everything was already scary and expensive."

As with most career transitions, Jen had a lapse in her employer-offered health insurance and had to sign up for COBRA. This also meant that her medical team was back in Colorado – hundreds of miles away from her new workplace.

"My first day of work was October 3 and I had my first flight back to Colorado on October 5," Jen recalls. "Since then, Angel Flight West has helped me fly back every three weeks for chemotherapy."

Through the Passenger Assistance Fund, Angel Flight West was able to cover the cost of commercial airline tickets for Jen on nine occasions. When the winter weather cleared up, volunteer pilots Meyer Goldstein and Marc McAtlin flew Jen in a relay flight of more than 1,000 miles to access her appointments. "I was so grateful they donated their plane and time for me," says Jen.

Her last round of chemo was December 30, and Jen rang in the new year by ringing the special that signifies the end of months of cancer treatment.

"I'm in remission," Jen says. "The treatment went really well and was luckily caught at an early stage. Starting a new job and managing a new environment makes for some really long weeks. Because of Angel Flight West, I didn't have to worry about making it to my medical care on top of that. It was a huge relief."

Jen now has a new medical team in Oregon to guide her through her next scheduled surgery and follow-up appointments. We're honored to have helped her reach her necessary care when it was states away.

MEET TAYLOR FROM WYOMING

Taylor was 19 years old and operating a food truck at a local fair in Bedford, Wyo. with two other teens when the unimaginable happened. As soon as the grill was lit, the propane exploded, filling the inside of the trailer with flames. Taylor was life-flighted to University of Utah, having suffered second- and third-degree burns to 49 percent of her body.

Following her time in the ICU, and with a long recovery ahead, the teenager had to travel back to Utah frequently for further treatments. "I had to go back to the hospital each week," says Taylor. "My skin was so tight, we had to stop the car every thirty minutes so I could get out and stretch. A four-hour car ride would often take up to six hours."

It was through Taylor's physical therapy sessions that she and her mother Stephanie learned about Angel Flight West, and were soon connected with volunteer pilot Stephen Bobko-Hillenaar. Since October of 2020, Stephen and his wife and mission assistant Joanna have provided 28 flights for Taylor and her family. "I don't know how we would do this without Angel Flight West," Stephanie says. "It saves us so much traveling time, and helps Taylor get home quickly after painful surgeries. We are blessed to have such amazing, giving people in our lives."

Taylor still has surgeries every six weeks, and is filled with gratitude for Stephen and the other volunteer pilots who have made her journey to care easier. "I'm so grateful for Steve," says Taylor. "Not only for flying us, but we've become friends. He even sent me a card on my birthday. We've become close, and I'm so thankful for his friendship." *Taylor is also pictured on the cover photo of this newsletter with her mom, Stephen, and Joanna.*

