# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE GIFT OF FLIGHT



Angel Flight WEST



100,000 MISSIONS CELEBRATION

# 100,000 MISSIONS POSSIBLE

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"Angel Flight West has made my treatments possible. After years of multiple trips away from my rural town, I am finally moving into a maintenance phase. Without the means of traveling with Angel Flight West, **this progress would not be possible.** 

Words simply cannot express the gratitude I have for all of my generous pilots and the helpful staff of Angel Flight West. You've given my family and I hope. From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

> ANGEL FLIGHT WEST PASSENGER DEVINNEY ARCATA, CALIF.



# **2023: A YEAR OF MILESTONES**

### OUR MISSION

Angel Flight West delivers health and hope using donated flights to serve those with healthcare or other compelling human needs. In the air, Angel Flight West links volunteer pilots and commercial airlines with people whose non-emergency health needs require long-distance travel to access care. On the ground, volunteer drivers ferry passengers to and from their departure and destination airports.

# OUR CHAIR & DIRECTOR

2023 was a year of milestones, and we can't thank you enough for standing by our side as we commemorated 40 years of service and 100,000 missions flown.

More than 40 years ago, AFW co-founder Dennis Torres flew our organization's first flight, marking the first of many achievements over the years. At the 2023 Endeavor Awards, we were honored to present the Inspiration Award to our founders — Dennis and Averi Torres, John Plueger, Brian Weiss, Alan Lund, Bill Worden, Keith and Adine Kretschmer, and Gary Davis —for their vision and commitment to serving others.

This year, Angel Flight West completed 4,667 missions and 1,431 Earth Angel ground trips. We celebrated 20 years of partnership with Alaska Airlines, and this year alone, their generosity helped 613 people travel to specialized treatment, including 390 Alaska residents.

Now, we're soaring toward the next chapter in our journey, and we can't help but recall what Brian Weiss said two decades ago during AFW's 20th Anniversary in 2003: "The true meaning of our lives is not measured in the size of our bank accounts, the square footage of our homes, or the number of fans on our aircraft. It is measured by what we have done to help others... whether through giving material help, guidance, fearlessness, or love."

Thank you for your role in enriching our lives and the lives of more than 1,286 passengers this year. We'll continue to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us to improve the lives of those who need us.

With gratitude,

Josh Olson | AFW Executive Director Mark Wolper | AFW Board Chair





**OUR FOUNDERS** 



# **2023 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**



**DRONE SHOW** 









#### THE ENDEAVOR AWARDS | JUNE 9, 2023

We celebrated our ninth annual Endeavor Awards, honoring three remarkable volunteers, our Future of Flight Awardee Overair, and AFW's founders. Stephen and Joanna Bobko-Hillenaar represented Angel Flight West as honorees with nearly 600 missions flown.

#### ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC | OCTOBER 13, 2023

Our annual golf tournament at Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point, Calif. was a day filled with blue skies and generous spirits, and we're grateful beyond words for your support. Together, we raised enough funds to arrange 500+ life-changing flights.

#### 100,000 MISSIONS | OCTOBER 30, 2023

We celebrated 100,000 missions flown at Santa Monica Airport, recognizing the incredible impact made through donated flights. Volunteer Pilot Rob Ross and Actor and Pilot Edward Norton each flew a mission leg for our 100,000th mission celebration. AFW Founder Dennis Torres, who flew AFW's first mission, is pictured here with Rob Ross.

#### FLIGHTS OF JOY | DECEMBER 2023

This year, 57 volunteers helped bring holiday cheer to 17 families. For these special missions, our pilots go above and beyond their traditional donation of time, talent, and resources to cover the cost of gifts and to visit with families on the airfield.

#### UTAH SANTA FLIGHT | DECEMBER 7, 2023

25 volunteer pilots from our Utah wing delivered donated toys, school supplies, books, backpacks, and clothing to the 500 children at Sunset Elementary School. Since the first Santa Flight in 2000, volunteers have worked with local partners to deliver supplies and toys to Title One Schools in rural communities.



# THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT COUNT

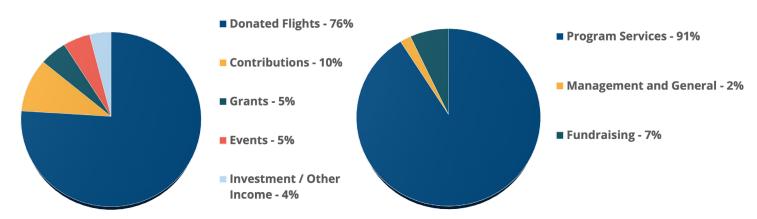




# FINANCIALS

## 2023 **REVENUE**

### 2023 EXPENSES



AFW's full financials will be available after our annual audit in May 2024. Scan the QR code or visit **https://angelflightwest.org/about-us/#ab-financial** for updates.

# THANK YOU, PARTNERS

#### **HEALTHCARE PARTNERS**

Alaska Heart Institute The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute, CA Asante Three Rivers Medical Center, OR Banner Health, CO Billings Pediatric Specialty, MT Bozeman Health, MT Carson Tahoe Cancer Center, NV Cedars-Sinai, CA Children's Hospital Colorado City of Hope Duarte, CA and Phoenix, AZ Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, AK Harborview Medical Center, WA Hawaii State Department of Health Hospice of Santa Barbara, CA Huntsman Cancer Institute, UT Hyperthermia Cancer Institute, CA Kalispell Regional Medical Center, MT Kodiak Community Health Lander Medical, WY Lifespring Cancer Treatment Center, WA LifeStream Blood Bank, CA

Maui Cancer AdvoCare, HI Mayo Clinic, AZ North Cascade Cancer Center, WA **Oregon Health & Science University** Pacific Cancer Foundation, HI PeaceHealth Palo Alto Medical Foundation, CA Phoenix Children's Hospital, AZ Portland VA Medical Center, OR Providence Alaska Medical Center Queen's Medical Center, HI Santa Clara Medical Center, CA Scripps Health, CA Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, WA Seattle Children's Hospital, WA Seattle Integrative Cancer Center, WA Skagit Regional Health, WA Stanford Health Care/Lucile Packard, CA Sunrise Children's Hospital, NV UCLA Health, CA UC San Diego Health, CA UCHealth Cancer Care, CO UCSF Health / Benioff, CA University of Colorado Health

University of Utah University of Washington Virginia Mason Medical Center, WA

#### NONPROFIT | CAMP PARTNERS

**FULL FINANCIALS** 

Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation Camp Courage Camp Korey Camp Mak-A-Dream Camp Mulberry Camp Rainbow Gold Camp River Run Firefighters Burn Institute Laurel Foundation Lions Wilderness Deaf Camp National Disaster Search Dog Foundation Silver State Service Dogs White Heart Foundation

While this is not a complete list, we're grateful for each partner.



# **20 YEARS WITH ALASKA AIRLINES**

Thank you to Alaska Airlines for 20 years of the generosity you've shown toward our passengers and their families. This year, Alaska Airlines donated 1,489 tickets to patients and their companions to help them bridge the gap between home and health.

With the help of our partner Alaska Airlines, 10-year-old Brystal, pictured above, was able to fly back to Alaska after spending seven months in Washington for her cancer care at Seattle Children's. After stopping in Anchorage for appointments at Alaska Native Medical Center, Brystal finally flew home to Bethel with her mom Darlene and sister Sherilyn by her side.

When we checked into the airport in Seattle, it was an amazing experience. The Alaska Airlines agent made it so easy for me to check in with my daughter in a wheelchair. Angel Flight West and Alaska Airlines made my travel stress free and enjoyable during a very emotional time, as I was bringing my baby home from Seattle Children's Hospital after her cancer treatment. I am very thankful for their services.

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# **THANK YOU, AIRLINE PARTNERS**







# **OUR 2023 TOP FLYER AND DRIVER**

### VOLUNTEER PILOT ACE

A retired Air Force pilot, member of the Hawaii Air National Guard, and pilot with Aloha Airlines, Hawaii Wing Leader Ace Ellinwood seems to have spent more time soaring through the skies than on the ground. After all, as Angel Flight West's (AFW) 2023 top flyer, Ace flew an incredible 92 missions to help passengers.

If you ask Ace about these acts of generosity, he's quick to recognize the other AFW volunteers who have answered the call to help patients in need of transportation to health care. And if you ask some of Ace's passengers, they're just as fast to share the overwhelming gratitude they have for Ace. One of those passengers is Jerry from Kona who has fly to Honolulu for cancer treatment twice a month. "Ace is amazing," says Jerry's wife Annie. "He's even inspired our son Mikey to fly. It takes a special person who wants to give back this way."

Ace jokingly says he flies for Annie's home-baked chocolate chip cookies, but the truth is, Ace flies to make a difference, saying, "The gratitude of the passengers makes it all worth it."

### EARTH ANGEL MARLENE

For nurses like Marlene Hutchison, giving is second nature. She spent her career in health care, ensuring patients were well taken care of while helping them recover from a range of conditions and illnesses. That's why when she came across Angel Flight West while browsing the web a few years ago, she knew she had to get involved.



Since 2021, Marlene has volunteered to drive dozens of people to Seattle, Wash. for specialized care, completing 141 ground missions to date.

After experiencing her own medical scare seven years ago, Marlene says she's thankful for her health and aims to pay it forward by helping people travel to their treatments. Marlene's frequent passenger Jennifer says, "Marlene isn't just a driver to me. She's a good friend. We've gotten to know each other really well through our trips. She's an incredible lady and I feel honored to know her and spend that time with her in the car."





### 2023 VOLUNTEERS TOP FLYERS AND DRIVERS

OVERALL TOP FLYERS ACE ELLINWOOD - 92 FLIGHTS | JOHN JEWETT - 72 FLIGHTS | JIM HIGGINSON - 62 FLIGHTS OVERALL TOP DRIVERS MARLENE HUTCHISON - 63 TRIPS | DENNIS PHELAN - 45 TRIPS | THOMAS RICKS - 22 TRIPS

### <u>ARIZONA</u>

TOP FLYER DENNIS PHELAN TOP DRIVER DENNIS PHELAN

### COLORADO

TOP FLYER KOSTA CONSTANTINE

TOP DRIVER KOSTA CONSTANTINE

#### MONTANA

TOP FLYER MARK HAAKENSON TOP DRIVER PATRICK KLING

UTAH TOP FLYER MICHAEL VALENTINE TOP DRIVER KAREN ARDIN

### N. CALIFORNIA

TOP FLYER CHRIS BENNETT TOP DRIVER THOMAS RICKS

HAWAII TOP FLYER ACE ELLINWOOD TOP DRIVER AI VU

### **NEVADA**

TOP FLYER MICHAEL EVANS TOP DRIVERS DAVID V. | BRUCE R.

### WASHINGTON

TOP FLYER JOHN JEWETT TOP DRIVER MARLENE HUTCHISON S. CALIFORNIA

TOP FLYER ERIC CHADWICK TOP DRIVER LOIS ORFUSS

### **IDAHO**

TOP FLYER JOHN DIXON TOP DRIVER JOE PEARSON

### OREGON

TOP FLYER DALE LAMBERTON TOP DRIVER KEVIN DENNIS

### WYOMING

TOP FLYER ROBERT MEYERS TOP DRIVER GREGORY WYATT

Visit angelflightwest.org/volunteers-of-the-year to view all 2023 active volunteers



# SUPPORTERS AND THIRD PARTY EVENTS







REWBCON 2023, MAY 5, 2023 AZBAA GOLF TOURNAMENT, APRIL 28, 2023 HDR | RUN FOR THE ANGELS 5K, AUGUST 26, 2023 WORLDFLIGHT WITH TEAM CALI CREW, NOVEMBER 4 - 11, 2023 REDROCK FLIGHT SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT, DECEMBER 2, 2023

**ARIZONA JET CENTER HANGAR PARTY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023** 

BONDOLIO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, DECEMBER 10, 2023

We're beyond grateful for your support through individual donations, sponsorships, and third-party event fundraisers listed above.

Each dollar propels our mission forward to change lives through the gift of flight.



View our 2023 supporters at angelflightwest.org/list-of-donors

# **IN THE NEWS**

#### **AOPA'S HANGAR TALK | EPISODE 190**

https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/podcasts/podcasts/hangar-talk

TWIN AND TURBINE | COVER | 100,000 MISSIONS https://twinandturbine.com/issue/Dec23/

**SCRIPPS NEWS | WORLDFLIGHT FUNDRAISER** <u>https://scrippsnews.com/stories/virtual-flights-around-the-world-will-fly-for-7-days-for-charity/</u>

#### KSLTV | UTAH SANTA FLIGHT

https://ksltv.com/606473/angel-flight-pilots-bring-gifts-donations-to-title-1-schools/



PRESS KIT

Visit angelflightwest.org/press-kit to view all media coverage



Our volunteers, supporters, and partners make each mission possible. Because of you, our passengers and their families aren't alone as they navigate unimaginable healthcare journeys.

Thank you for being the wind beneath our wings.

### A special thank you to AFW's 2023 Board of Directors:

Benjamin Anderson - Bill Banta - Richard Beattie - Eric Chadwick Daniel Cheung - Emily Deaton - Christy DeYoung - Stephen Elop Ali Faddis - Noah Franz - Hans Fuegi - Bette Gardner - Paul Henderson Mark Merrill - Trevor Moody - Jeff Ojemann - Jim Origliosso - David Petrillo - Zach Spear - Mark Wolper - Carlos Zendejas



**MAKE A GIFT** 

# THE NEXT 100,000 MISSIONS

Your donation is vital to supporting staff costs, technology, marketing and outreach, and infrastructure to help AFW propel our mission forward through our next 100,000 missions. Each flight is a product of the donated time and resources from our generous volunteer pilots and the coordination efforts from our team.



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Connecting healthcare and social work professionals and patient groups to let them know about our services.



### **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

*Guiding new volunteers through orientation while focusing on volunteer recruitment, retention, and appreciation.* 



### **MISSION OPERATIONS**

Answering every inquiry and arrange every flight, including the 900+ commercial flights donated annually by Alaska Airlines and our airline partners.



### **DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING**

Stewarding gifts to ensure each one makes a life-changing difference to our passengers.

Make your next gift to support the gift of flight at **angelflightwest.org/give** 

# SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US

#### **10TH ANNUAL ENDEAVOR AWARDS | LOS ANGELES, CA** MAY 10, 2024

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC | MONARCH BEACH | DANA POINT, CA SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

HDR | RUN FOR THE ANGELS 5K | BROOMFIELD, CO SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024

View all upcoming events at angelflightwest.org/events



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