



ANNUAL ENDEAVOR AWARDS EndeavorAwards.org | May 10, 2024

The Endeavor Awards 10-Year Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles is about recognizing heroes who fly for volunteer pilot organizations across the country. Join us for an inspirational night to raise important funds toward the gift of flight.

Become a sponsor, donate auction items, or purchase tickets.



AFW ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC AngelFlightWest.org/Golf | Sept. 27, 2024

AFW's Annual Golf Classic takes place at the beautiful Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point, Calif. No matter how you get involved, your support goes a long way to help AFW arrange life-changing flights for people in need.

Become a sponsor, donate auction items, or participate as a golfer to play a round that matters.



RUN FOR THE ANGELS 5K AngelFlightWest.org/5K | Sept. 28, 2024

Held in Broomfield, Colo. at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, the Run for the Angels 5K is a race you don't want to miss. This annual event isn't just for runners — it's for anyone, near or far, who wants to support our mission to help patients reach their far-off medical care.

Sponsor the 5K or participate in-person or virtually.

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The number of missions Angel Flight West flew in 2023 to serve people in need of access to medical care.

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Help children fly to specialty camps and give toward AFW's annual camp **season** fundraiser.

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The 10th Annual **Endeavor Awards** in L.A., celebrating volunteer pilots and raising funds toward the gift of flight.

SEPT. 27

Play a round that matters at the **AFW Annual Golf Classic** in Dana Point, CA.

CELEBRATING OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS | MEET MICHELLE

In March, Angel Flight West celebrates National Social Worker Month and the healthcare requesters who work selflessly to serve their patients. Each year, AFW collaborates with hundreds of social workers, patient advocates, and case managers to help people travel to the care they need.

One of our healthcare requesters is Michelle from Logan Children's Health in Kalispell, Mont. She's been a social worker for 22 years, specializing in pediatric social work for the past six years. "I decided to go into medical social work to help patients and families cope with chronic illness and navigate the medical environment," says Michelle.

About her experience requesting flights, Michelle says, "Angel Flight West has gone out of their way to help in time sensitive situations, allowing families to be flown to various hospitals for medical procedures. I always know my families are in good hands!"

This month and always, we express our gratitude to our amazing healthcare heroes for all you do to improve the quality of life for patients, including connecting them with the gift of flight through Angel Flight West.

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The number of individual healthcare requesters Angel Flight West collaborated with in 2023 to serve patients in need of transportation to medical care.



Have you seen AFW's 100,000th mission recap video? Scan the QR code or visit angelflightwest.org/100k-video to watch the celebratory flight, including AFW Volunteer Pilot Rob Ross, Actor and Pilot Edward Norton, and AFW's Passengers Luis and Maria.

COMMAND PILOT BEN PAHLAVAN'S FIRST MISSION WITH ELIJAH

Elijah was diagnosed with a bone marrow disorder called Fanconi Anemia at just nine years old. "We didn't know at the time how much his life would change," says Elijah's mom Judith. "But reality set in at our first doctor's appointment after his diagnosis." Judith is a single parent, and she and Elijah live eight hours away from Stanford Medicine Children's Health where Elijah would need to go for a bone marrow transplant and treatment.

In August of 2023, Elijah and his mom received their first gifted flight to Palo Alto, Calif. for the critical procedure. Judith recalls how professional and kind AFW Command Pilot Jerald Molleston was during their journey through the skies. Five months later, and after a successful transplant, Elijah and Judith were finally discharged and able to fly back home to Ontario, Calif.



Although Elijah was nervous during his first angel flight, he knew what to expect for their flight home. Volunteer pilot, Ben Pahlavan, also made an impression on the now ten-year-old boy, giving Elijah the special opportunity to be his trusted co-pilot. "We can all name the people in our lives who made a lasting impression," Judith says, "and Ben made a lasting impression on Elijah."

Today, Elijah is doing well after his bone marrow transplant, and he wants to be a pilot just like Jerald and Ben.

"The hard part is over," says Judith. "We're so happy to be home."



The number of unique passengers served by Angel Flight West in 2023, including 319 unique child passengers.