



Visions of Hope™

The Newsletter of Hope Flight Foundation

Fall 2014

October is our Anniversary month, and we have made it to 9 years! I think back to when Hope Flight Foundation was just an idea. The Korean Airlines training facility in Livermore, where I was working as a Flight Instructor was going to close, and I said to my Father God that I was ready to go into Ministry and work for Him. Ministry means helping people in some way and I wanted to help people with all the flight skills and knowledge I had acquired over the years. I had always cared about ill children, and I searched around for what I could do with an aircraft. I found there was a need for children in the smaller remote towns to get to the specialized hospitals. People don't make as much money in the smaller towns, and the parents have a very hard time getting hundreds of miles in an old car, and paying for the gas. I noticed also a need to be available on short notice, and be flexible with the flight date, as the hospital release date could change. Also providing a flight home was needed, and a stretcher for children unable to sit up. We are now providing a great service, but need a larger aircraft to provide a stretcher and room for a wheelchair and more family members. I have been talking to many people and businesses, and planting many seeds to acquire a larger aircraft. So far we are still looking for a business or individual to donate their King Air aircraft to Hope Flight. My previous boss said "You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find your prince." And that has come to be the truth. Our vision for Hope Flight Foundation is to provide a corporate type aircraft for families that have a child with cancer or other life-threatening illness. We see the big aircraft taxi up to the small town airport terminal, the family is amazed at the sound of the powerful jet propeller engines, and the red carpet is rolled out. "Our aircraft is here" cries the child, and the parents feel relieved of seeing such a capable aircraft and two pilots flying it. That is the goal of Hope Flight Foundation. So yes, my creator has been with me every step of the way in the development of Hope Flight. In the last 6 years we have completed 75 flights for children, covering 34,198 miles for the families, and saving much time and money for them, and a quicker more comfortable trip for the children (Our little VIP's). We are currently looking for donated rental properties that will provide a steady income for us to keep helping ill children. Relying on occasional grants is not a viable long-term plan. So here's to another 9 and more years!

Founder and President, Douglas Harding

Hope Flight Foundation summary of activities.

- Agus Widjaja did a Shout-Out Campaign on his Facebook page and raised \$2,134!
- We attended a training class on Endowment Funds and Planned Giving.
- Our grant request to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Foundation was declined.
- Sports Leisure Vacations donated \$1,100 during their Open House in Sacramento, on September 6.
- President Douglas Harding attended the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Annual Meeting, and gave our info to one of their grant associates. The East Bay Community Foundation also received our info.



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Please remember Hope Flight Foundation in your will or trust. You can designate where you want your donation to go: into Program Flights, and/or into the Endowment Fund, to help children like 3 year-old Isaac pictured above, year after year.

A Brighter Future!

To help families in a greater way, we are working to acquire a Beechcraft "King Air" twin-engine aircraft for our flights of hope and healing. The aircraft has a pressurized cabin for children with heart defects. A stretcher can fit inside for children unable to sit up, such as a child with burns. The aircraft cargo area can fit a wheelchair, and more luggage for the family and the faster jet propeller engines will increase our service area to all the Western States!



Now flying a single engine
Cessna 182



Working to acquire a twin
engine 'King Air'

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OUR MISSION

Hope Flight Foundation provides free medical flights for children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses in California, Nevada, and Oregon. We fly the children from the small town airport closest to them, and fly to the SF Bay Area and Los Angeles area where the specialized hospitals are located. Our flights are for low income families, and are free of charge.