



WELCOME!

April 3, 2025

APRIL 2025 AGENDA



- 12:00 p.m. ▪ Welcome/House Keeping
- 12:05 p.m. ▪ **Suicide prevention and mental health in your community**
 - Presented by Kelly Robinson
- 12:25 p.m. ▪ **Utah DHHS Q&A**
- 12:30 p.m. ▪ **Angel Flight West**
 - Presented by Joanne Brattain
- 12:50 pm ▪ **Angel Flight West Q&A**
- 12:55 p.m. ▪ Closing

DHHS SLIDES UNAVAILABLE

See Handouts on [RHAU.org](https://www.rhau.org)



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Angel Flight West's volunteer pilots fly people to medical appointments at no cost to the passenger.



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 air transportation to access care. On the ground, volunteer drivers ferry passengers to and from their departure and destination airports.



Over 2,000 passengers served each year



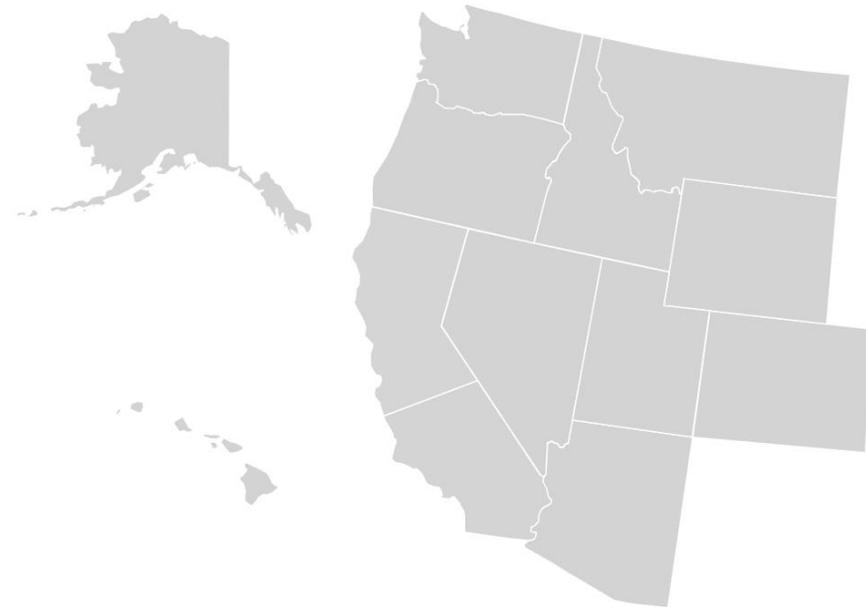
Over 5,000 missions served each year
Over 100,000 lifetime missions



Over \$6M in-kind donations each year plus
thousands of hours of volunteered time



\$0 cost to passengers



....all thanks to **hundreds of volunteer pilots.**

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Why and Where We Fly

- Patients traveling for non-emergency care to research hospitals, children's hospitals, treatment centers, and more.
- Children – some of them burn survivors or navigating life-threatening illnesses – attending specialty camps.
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Medical providers to rural areas
- Disaster relief efforts and drills
- Blood transport for blood banks
- Caregivers in need of flights to reach family members who are critically ill. Compassion flights are at the discretion of AFW.

And other compelling needs.



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Utah

- For 2024
 - 99 pilots flew 243 missions serving 80 different passengers and 60 healthcare facilities
 - Pilot Donated Cost of \$750K



Command Pilot Richard Weaver, who recently completed his 21st mission, flying Lucy from her home in Vernal, UT, to her specialized care in Peoria, AZ. Lucy has been gifted with six Angel Flights to date, saving her the stress of more than 11 hours and 700 miles on the road.



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From Requesters

From the coordinators I speak to on the phone to the pilots who do the flying, I have had nothing but the most positive interactions working with AFW staff and volunteers. They often go above and beyond to make things as easy as possible on the patients I support. I had a Utah patient who had no vehicle to make the 400-mile trip, nor could either he or his wife drive the distance. He would not have been able to have surgery without air transportation.

-Amelia, Frontier/Rural Patient Navigator, Huntsman Cancer Institute

I have had only great experiences working with Angel Flight West.

-Alison, Angel Flight West Healthcare Requester



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Passenger Qualifications

For safe flying, passengers must:

- Be medically stable and ambulatory.
- Be capable of sitting upright wearing safety belt for duration of flight.
- Have a scheduled appointment with a minimum of one-week notice.
- Have a financial need or other consideration (i.e., immune compromised, geography, etc.).
- Traveling a distance less than 1,000 nautical miles
- If flying privately, be able to fly in a small unpressurized aircraft.



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About Flights

- Most flights are provided in a small, single engine aircraft with 4-6 seats.
- Passengers can bring companions (family members or a friend) along for support. We must know in advance to ensure companions can be accommodated.
- Missions can be arranged to accommodate service dogs.
- Passengers can request flights as many times as they need.
- Most flight requests should be 900 miles or less, but we can sometimes accommodate longer travel, especially for passengers in Alaska and Hawaii.
- Some longer flights may have multiple-leg missions. This means that passengers may fly part of the way with one volunteer pilot before transferring to another plane with another volunteer pilot.



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Course for Social Workers

Healthcare Professionals

cme.angelflightwest.org

- Free, online, self-paced, NASW accredited CME course for social workers, brought to you by Angel Flight West.
- According to Health Outreach Partners, transportation is the #2 barrier to healthcare in the US, second only to cost. In this course, you will learn about a variety of transportation options for your patients who need to travel for medical treatment. The course will enable you to better serve patients who need to travel for diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases, cancer, second opinions, specialized surgery, pediatric care, and other chronic conditions.

Accredited by the NASW for 1.5 CME hours. Accreditation pending in Oregon and Idaho.

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Fly With Us

**Request a Flight --
Use us as a first resort!**

www.angelflightwest.org

- Online form on our website
- Call us at (310) 390-2958
- Requests can come from medical/social work professionals, passengers, and family members.

STEP BY STEP

- **Request** a flight a minimum of one week in advance. We will ask for a medical release from the patient's healthcare provider.
- Once flight details are finalized, our Mission Operations team will work on **securing a pilot**. This may take a little time.
- The Mission Operations team will email the passenger, social worker (if applicable), and pilot the **itinerary** and **contact information** for all parties. Passengers should expect to hear from their pilot to discuss all flight-related details (including where to go and what to know).
- The flight is likely to take place, but a **back-up plan** must be in place or the ability to reschedule the appointment. Flights may be canceled due to weather, mechanical problems, or inability to secure a pilot.
- **After your appointment**, another Angel Flight West pilot will ensure you are safely brought home!

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- Facebook: @Angel Flight West
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Thank You!

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CLOSING



- Next Session is May 1, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
 - Topics:
 - University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Center's Call-Up program
 - Neurofeedback of Southern Utah
- The recordings from today will be available at:
<https://www.rhau.org/rhau-webinar-series>
- The application to request to present can also be found on the RHAU website, we encourage you to apply to present!

May 2025 RSVP



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!!!