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## **Wings of Hope President Don Hamblen Resigns**

**ST. LOUIS, MO (September 15, 2016)** — Wings of Hope President Don Hamblen has resigned from the aviation charity.

“Don tendered his resignation, and the executive committee unanimously accepted it,” said Wings of Hope Board Chairman Steve Akre. “In his time here, Don used his experience in business and marketing to reinvigorate the Wings of Hope brand and set in motion some positive programs that we will continue to build upon. We wish him the best in his next endeavor.”

Hamblen, a former U.S. Navy Captain, came to Wings of Hope after more than 30 years working in various senior leadership positions in sales development.

The Wings of Hope Board has named a team to conduct a nationwide search for a new candidate to fill the organization’s top post. Laura Helling, the nonprofit’s director of development for three years, will serve as interim president throughout the search process. She brings to the position her prior experience as a nonprofit executive.

### **About Wings of Hope**

Wings of Hope is an aviation nonprofit delivering humanitarian programs around the globe to lift people in need toward health and self-sufficiency. The nonprofit works in Africa, Asia and the Americas, partnering with communities to improve their health, education, food security and economic opportunity. In 2003, the charity established its Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program to serve the very real need for health care access that exists in the U.S. Wings of Hope has been twice nominated (2011, 2012) for the Nobel Peace Prize and dedicates 90 cents of every dollar directly to programming. For more information, visit [wingsofhope.ngo](http://wingsofhope.ngo) or call 636-537-1302.

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