



SOARING

Through the Decades

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

2022 IMPACT

40,118

served globally

Working in

10
countries

United States

Belize

Colombia

Ecuador

Paraguay

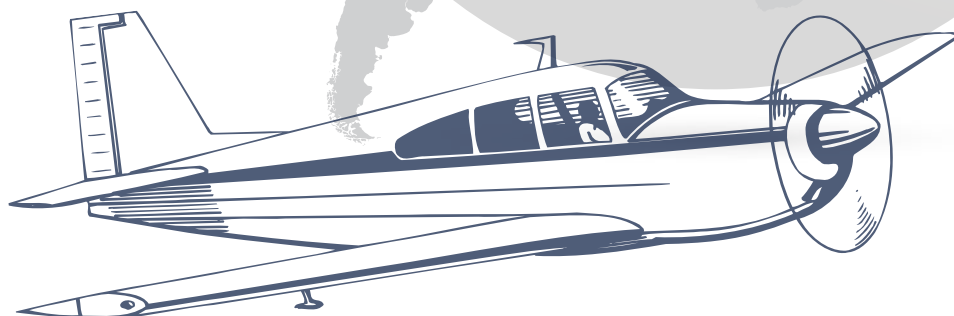
Zambia

Tanzania

South Africa

Papua New Guinea

Cambodia



86 cents

on the dollar spent
on programs

EVERY 2 DAYS

we are flying a patient to
critically needed health care

905

hours that students were
engaged with STEM
education centered on
humanitarian aviation



300

Active volunteers
fulfilling our mission



From the Board Chairman

Our history has been marked by expansion. We expanded from sending one plane to Africa in the 1960s to providing aviation support to communities in Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region to launching our U.S.-based Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program in 2003.

Beyond expanding geographically, we made a big leap into the world of education with the launch of our SOAR into STEM program in 2019. We are in the process of extending the reach of that program into more rural communities as I write this letter.

Over the past few years, our board also has expanded. We've diversified by bringing on accomplished professionals to round out our expertise in virtually any area that can impact our mission and strengthen our organization: aviation law, technology, human resources, health care, finance, accounting and corporate strategy, among other fields. As board chair, it's comforting to know that if I don't have the answer to a particular question, one of our board members does or knows someone who can help.

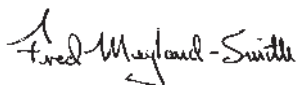
With growth always comes the risk of losing focus. As we continue to expand, our mission is our North Star. In my 10th year serving on the Wings of Hope Board and second as board chair, I have been in the room as we consider growth into new areas and expansion of current programs. I can tell you that all those conversations are guided by this question: Is it mission focused?

Sometimes, the answer to that question results in passing on opportunities that are good, in and of themselves, but that would detract from our core work and our ability to make the greatest impact on the people we serve.

Our job as a board is to be good stewards of our resources as we guide the organization in fulfilling its mission. Staying mission-focused is our superpower: it enables us to accomplish this charge and lead with confidence.

So, we follow our North Star — and stay on course for a bright future.

Onward!



Fred Meyland-Smith
Board Chairman



2023 is a milestone year for Wings of Hope — we have turned 60!

As I reflect on six decades of Wings of Hope, it seems prescient that we were founded the same decade as the United States put a man on the moon. The 1960s were years of cultural upheaval, technological advancement and exploration — marked by an unrelenting desire to change the world.

In our own small way, that's exactly what Wings of Hope has done.

Thanks to the vision of our founders who saw the immense value in using airplanes to fly medical resources and help to people in need, we have been changing and saving the world — one life at a time — since 1963.

On the page opposite this letter, you can see the impact we made serving more than 40,000 people last year. Numbers help us quantify the scope of our work, but to understand its true value you need to understand how we've helped the people behind those numbers.

I invite you to take a look at the stories inside.

You'll see our impact on students, on the people we fly to lifesaving medical care here in the U.S., and on thousands of people living in communities all over the globe. You will likely never meet the vast majority of the people we help. But they know Wings of Hope.

In the 1960s, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and Wings of Hope was born.

These are milestone events. But to the people we serve, they pale in comparison to a healthy baby delivered, a child's life saved, and STEM education that opens a world of opportunity for a young person. All things possible because of an airplane, a vision to use it to change and save lives, and people who care enough to dedicate their time, energy and passion to bringing that vision to life.

At Wings of Hope, we are so fortunate to have all three.

In gratitude,



Amy Cole Buehler, MA
Interim President

SOARING *Through the Decades*

As we enter our seventh decade of changing and saving lives through the power of aviation, we look back with pride on the past 60 years.

1960s

In 1963, two St. Louis businessmen, Joe Fabick and Bill Edwards, learned of missionaries in Kenya using small aircraft to provide medical and humanitarian aid to people in the Turkana Desert following a long period of drought and famine. Moved by the story of a flying nun whose plane was falling apart due to hyenas chewing on the fabric wings at night, Fabick and Edwards hatched a plan to launch a capital campaign to purchase a durable metal plane for Sister Michael Therese Ryan of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. They enlisted the help of two colleagues, Paul Rodgers and George Haddaway, and after successfully raising \$30,000 to purchase a new Cessna U206, they delivered the plane to Sister "Bird" in 1965. These were the beginnings of Wings of Hope.



Sister Michael Therese Ryan was the first Catholic nun to earn her private pilot's license. She flew for the Medical Missionaries of Mary and was the recipient of the new Cessna U206, purchased with \$30,000 raised by the founding members of Wings of Hope.



May 25, 1965: Wings of Hope founders Bill Edwards (left) and Joe Fabick (far right) speak with pilot, Max Conrad, before he takes off from St. Louis Lambert International Airport on his flight to deliver a new Cessna U206 to medical missionaries in Nairobi, Kenya.

June 1965: Pilot Max Conrad hands the keys of the Cessna U206 to Sister Michael Therese Ryan after flying the plane from St. Louis to Nairobi.



1970s

Wings of Hopes expands from Africa into South America, establishing partner field bases in Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru.



Wings of Hope pilots, Ed Schertz and Guy Gervais (top left), help local people unload supplies from Alas de Esperanza (translated to Wings of Hope in Spanish) in Ecuador.

1980s-90s

Wings of Hope continues to expand its partner field bases

into places including Tanzania and Belize. The growing organization builds a new world headquarters at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, MO.



1984: Wings of Hope pilot, Guy Gervais (second from left) helps load a patient off a plane after a medevac flight in Belize.



Dec. 1985: Local dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremony for what would become the new home for Wings of Hope at Spirit of St. Louis Airport (KSUS).



1990: Wings of Hope hangar and world headquarters at Spirit of St. Louis Airport (KSUS) in Chesterfield, MO.

2000s

In 2003, Wings of Hope established the Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program in response to the

growing need for medical air transport flights in the United States. We also moved into a much larger world headquarters in 2007, with a 12,000-square-foot hangar, 8,000 square feet of office space and 3,000 square feet of storage. We would add onto this facility in 2013 with a 10,000-square-foot hangar and office expansion.



The first group of volunteer MAT pilots gather in front of the Wings of Hope hangar (circa 2003-2004).



2004: Wings of Hope MAT mission.

2010s

Wings of Hope continues to grow — establishing new partner bases in countries such as Nicaragua, continuing to support longstanding efforts in Tanzania and beyond, and creating a new STEM and aviation education program for students.



2014: Maasai villagers gather around Wings of Hope plane in Tanzania where our field partner, Flying Medical Service, conducts fly-in medical clinics.



2015: Wings of Hope pilot, TJ Stewart, stands by the plane he used to fly medevac flights for people in remote communities of Nicaragua.



2019: In the spring of 2019, Wings of Hope launched SOAR into STEM. This hands-on, experiential learning curriculum welcomes students into the Wings of Hope hangar to explore principles of flight, aircraft maintenance, aerodynamics engineering and unmanned aerial systems.

2022 *and beyond*

As it did in the early 1960s, aviation continues to power our mission — but expansion defines our future. In 2022, Wings of Hope's Global Humanitarian Network of aviation organizations consisted of partner bases serving communities in 10 countries. We believe that by leveraging the capacity of the entire network — and uniting as humanitarians — more people will have access to the resources needed to live healthy and dignified lives.

SOAR *into* STEM

"Our goal is equitable access to aviation education for all students."

– Tiffany Nelson, Director of Programs and Evaluation



Wings of Hope introduced SOAR into STEM (SIS) in 2019 to inspire students to pursue STEM and aviation careers — and gain an appreciation for the important role airplanes can play in changing and saving lives around the world. Launched in partnership with Boeing, the hands-on learning experience welcomes students into the Wings of Hope hangar for a robust curriculum that explores principles of flight, aircraft maintenance, aerodynamics engineering and Unmanned Aerial Systems (aka drones). The five-week session culminates with discovery flights for the students accompanied by experienced certified flight instructors.



"We are currently hosting two learning modules per year for St. Louis area schools; however, requests to duplicate what we have created are starting to come in from outside of St. Louis," says Tiffany Nelson, director of programs and evaluation for Wings of Hope. "Teacher recruiting and training efforts for our summer module are in full swing, and we expect to launch a new remote program in fall 2023."



In 2022, 50 students participated in our two SIS sessions. Wings of Hope also hosted five student interns, ran three SOAR and Explore camps, and reached hundreds more students through outreach at STEM and aviation-focused events at venues including the Saint Louis Science Center and local air shows. In total, Wings of Hope engaged 905 students with STEM education centered on humanitarian aviation in 2022.



GLOBAL

Humanitarian Network

In 2022,
Wings of Hope
operated in 10
partner bases
that form our
Global Humanitarian
Network (GHN).

BELIZE
CAMBODIA
COLOMBIA
ECUADOR
PAPA NEW GUINEA
PARAGUAY
SOUTH AFRICA
TANZANIA
UNITED STATES
ZAMBIA

GHN SPOTLIGHT: Samaritan Aviation

Papua New Guinea is a small country with population estimates ranging between 8 and 11 million people. More than 80% of the population lives in rural areas, with 250,000 people living along the 700-mile stretch of the East Sepik River surrounded by a dense jungle with virtually no roads or electricity and little to no access to emergency medical care. Infant mortality rates are as high as 40%, and 80% of people living along the river suffer from malaria.

Wings of Hope GHN partner, Samaritan Aviation, is the only organization in the region that operates floatplanes. They use these planes as air ambulances to serve more than 116 villages each year — flying people with dire medical needs to the nearest hospital, flying medicine and medical supplies into villages, and providing aid to remote areas during natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

Since 2010, Samaritan Aviation has flown more than 2,800 missions, all at no cost to the people they serve. Floatplanes turn a five-to-seven-day trip in a dugout canoe into an hourlong flight to the hospital. When it comes to access to antivenom after a snakebite or saving the life of a mother and baby during a complicated delivery every minute is vital.

“Samaritan Aviation is a lifeline to all those people living along the river,” said Mark Palm, Samaritan Aviation CEO and co-founder. “Most of the emergencies we deal with are life and death critical — if we’re not here, people are dying.”



Samaritan Aviation crew loads patient into floatplane.

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**– Mark Palm,
Samaritan Aviation**

GHN *Values*

EMPOWERMENT:

Uplifting communities and organizations through resource provision, such as aviation supplies and funding sources, that enable people to gain ownership over the factors that shape their lives.

SUSTAINABILITY:

As defined by the United Nations: "Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

SCALABILITY:

Producing programs that can be scaled throughout the country of service or the GHN so that best practices can be shared and exchanged throughout the network.

STEWARDSHIP:

Using all resources effectively to maximize impact.

Wings of Hope directly served more than 40,000 people in 2022. Highlights from our work around the globe ...

COLOMBIA

Our partner, Patrulla Aérea Civil, treated 15,796 patients through its surgical, medical, pediatric and nutritional, and emergency brigades. Going forward, the organization is focused on early cancer detection services.



Colombia

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Using two floatplanes, our partner Samaritan Aviation completed 350 flights, transported 216 patients, delivered 24,251 pounds of medical supplies and directly serves 1,000 people in the East Sepik Province. Samaritan Aviation plans to secure a third floatplane to serve another 200,000 people in the remote water communities of the Western Province.



Paraguay

PARAGUAY

Our partner, Iglesia Centro Cristiano Siloh, expanded its dental care outreach to six departments (or states), conducting 40 flights to bring volunteer dentists to people without access to dental care. The organization served more than 1,200 people in 2022.

ZAMBIA

FlySpec is the only orthopedic and reconstructive surgery service providing free care via flying doctors to remote parts of Zambia. In 2022, FlySpec provided 3,829 free consultations and 994 surgical operations.



Zambia



Go! International Founder Seth Hamilton, with students, Jordan and Kylie, meeting with Waorani artisans.

Connecting Students to Our Mission

Wings of Hope launched SOAR into STEM (SIS) in 2019 to inspire students to pursue STEM and aviation careers — and gain an appreciation of the important role airplanes can play in changing and saving lives around the world.

This past April, one SIS graduate had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take his experience full circle when he visited our partner in Ecuador, Alas de Socorro, which provides emergency medical flights to eight indigenous communities who lack access to critical medical care.

Jordan was one of three students who made the trip — all study entrepreneurship with Wings of Hope partner Go! International, a nonprofit that uplifts students from East St. Louis, Ill., a historically underserved and impoverished community. The organization educates students in financial literacy, language and entrepreneurship with a number of students traveling internationally to help artisans around the world bring their products to market.

Central to the trip was traveling into the Amazon rainforest to meet with the Association of Waorani Women of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

"They have been training Waorani women in 58 communities to run their own businesses since 2005," said Go! International Founder Seth Hamilton, who led the student trip. "They also produce one of the only 100% organic cacao beans in Ecuador — and East St. Louis students from Go! International will be their first international import partners."

The students are working with a U.S. coffee manufacturer to import the cacao beans for use in hot chocolate mix.

MAT Program

Our Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program connects people in the United States to critical health care resources they cannot access locally. When the best treatment option is far from home, the MAT Program takes care of the travel — relieving families of what can be a crushing financial burden and shortening time away from home, school and work.

A Lengthy Process for a Longer Leg

Caleb was born with a rare congenital condition making his right femur shorter than his left. He flies with Wings of Hope from his home in Wichita, Kans., to Shriners Children's St. Louis, one of the nation's best children's hospitals for orthopedic care, to lengthen his leg — a process that takes multiple surgeries and years of treatment. The 13-year-old had his first appointment in St. Louis when he was only two.

During the lengthening process, Caleb needs to see his doctors at Shriners weekly for physical therapy and routine radiographs to make sure the lengthening is progressing appropriately. Traveling to the appointments adds another burden to the already long and extensive treatment process.

"Wings of Hope does help ease the stress and anxiety of going," says Caleb's mom, Crystal. "Without Wings of Hope, we would be spending a lot of time on the road, Caleb would be missing more school, and my other two kids would be missing more time with us."

Before Caleb and Crystal found Wings of Hope, they would drive the 7-hour trip between Wichita and St. Louis. Caleb says it was "very uncomfortable."

"I'd always have to prop my leg up and I'd kind of be slouched over — my back would hurt," he says. "Now that I fly with Wings of Hope, it's actually way faster and easier."

Caleb has completed nearly 20 roundtrip flights with Wings of Hope. We are committed to flying him for as long as he needs treatment, which doctors expect him to finish by the time he turns 15.



2022 IMPACT

85,815
nautical miles
flown

121
missions

211
training flights

19,898
gallons of fuel

95
MAT patients flown

98
commercial
patients flown

193
total patients
served

OUR *Volunteers*

With less than 20 paid staff, Wings of Hope relies on our nearly 300 active volunteers to keep our wings in the air — literally — and fuel our mission. Volunteers contribute their time and expertise, which in 2022 equated to nearly \$900,000 in monetary value. But they bring so much more than their service to our organization: they bring a sincere desire to help people and an unselfish willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Damian Mahoney, Volunteer Pilot

Volunteering at Wings of Hope runs in the family for Damian Mahoney. His dad, Mike, has been a volunteer pilot for the organization's Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program since 2017. He recruited his son — a firefighter paramedic, Army Blackhawk helicopter crew chief and recreational pilot — to join him. The father-son duo made their first MAT flight together on October 20, 2022. Since then, Damian's been flying for Wings of Hope about once a week.

"I love it," he says. "I get to fly airplanes, and I get to transport kids around."

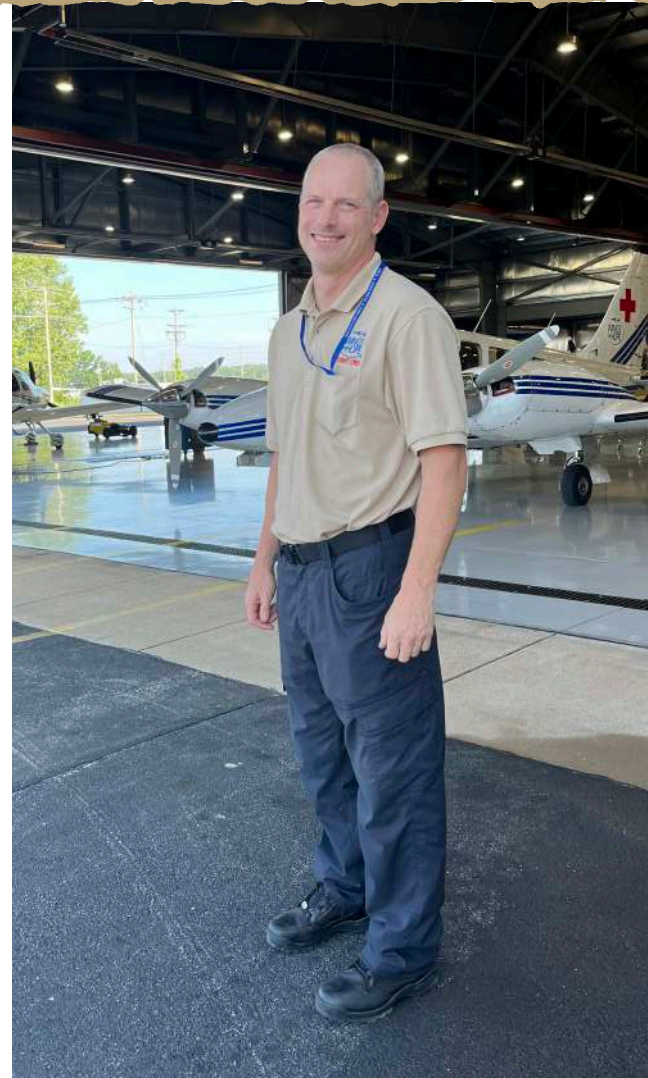
Damian also loves being able to talk with the people he flies and get to know them as repeat flyers — something he isn't able to do in his day job.

"I'm used to seeing people in their really bad times. I get that momentary glimpse — maybe 30 minutes with them in their moment of crisis," he says. "Flying for Wings of Hope, I have time to talk to the kids, talk to the families. It's nice to see the drawn-out aspect of the care, and people really do appreciate our help."

"I've never had that in the 27 years I've been in EMS (emergency medical services)."

Damian's been flying recreationally for years, but to qualify to fly for Wings of Hope he had to rack up 1,000 hours of flight time. He also earned his multi-engine rating and his commercial license. Now, he's working on his certified flight instructor rating.

"I'm super happy I did it," he says of being a volunteer pilot. "All of the flying's great — but it's always good to get to fly with my dad."



28,665
HOURS DONATED

281
VOLUNTEERS

\$894,904
MONETARY VALUE





Jean Kennedy, Volunteer Patient Host

Jean Kennedy was looking for a way to give back after a career in higher education. Her mom suggested she check out Wings of Hope. Jean joined Wings of Hope in May 2022 as a patient host, which means she makes sure our MAT patients have everything they need while they're waiting in our hangar for their flight home or to care.

"Our role is to just make them feel welcome and comfortable," says Jean. "We help them with their bags, make sure they have a snack, get them a drink, ask if they'd like pillows or blankets for their flight."

Jean calls this role "right up my alley."

"I love being with people," she says. "I worked at a community college as an advisor, so I worked with a lot of high school and college students — but I love working with the younger kids we fly."

Jean says volunteering at Wings of Hope is rewarding, and she believes the work is important: "What an amazing service to provide these families — it would cost them a fortune to make all these flights back and forth."

"My favorite thing is seeing the repeat flyers and getting to know the families when they come in for their next procedure or a follow-up appointment."

Tom Moors, Volunteer Avionics Technician

After working as an auto mechanic most of his professional life, Tom Moors spent the last five years of his career teaching STEM at a technical college. Along the way, he bought an airplane and earned his private pilot's license. Now retired, Tom says his love for mechanics, teaching and aviation make him a perfect fit for volunteering as an avionics technician at Wings of Hope.

"I've been an auto mechanic, I have a lot of training in electrical engineering, and I taught advanced automotive electronics — so the transition to working on planes was not that hard," Tom says.

Before he started working on planes in the hangar, Tom first volunteered in 2021 as a mentor for Wings of Hope's SOAR into STEM education program. As a national member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), he arranged for the local EAA chapter to provide free discovery flights at the last SOAR into STEM session. Previously, the program was paying a local company for the flights.

Tom's also involved with Wings of Hope's intern program.

"They put me in charge of the discovery flights for interns, and I'm also teaching some sessions on aerodynamics and flying a plane," Tom says.

"I wear several hats here," he adds.

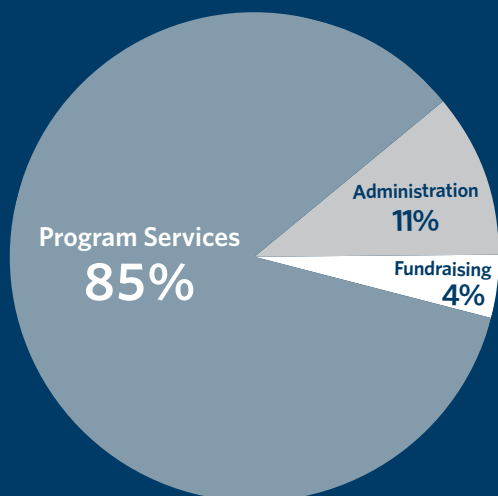
Tom says volunteering at Wings of Hope is a "win-win for everybody."

"I'm learning a lot; I'm meeting a lot of people — and I do feel like I'm making a difference helping the programs run and contributing in my own small way."

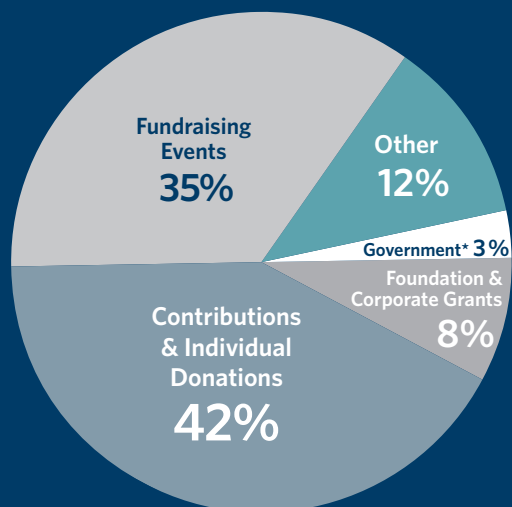


2022 Financials

Expenses



Income



* CARES Act Funds

Our 2022 990 and audited financials can be found on our website, www.wingsofhope.ngo.



Gala Soars to New Heights

June 4, 2022, marked the first in-person gala since February 2020 for Wings of Hope. More than 350 guests gathered at the Chase Park Plaza Royal Sonesta Hotel St. Louis to celebrate and support Wings of Hope's largest annual fundraiser — raising critical funds for our work changing and saving lives around the world.

Twice Yearly Airplane Raffles Generate Funds — and Excitement!

Each March and September, Wings of Hope raffles off an airplane. Wildly popular among the pilot community, they often sell out in hours and raise about \$800,000 annually to support the organization's operations.



Spring 2022 airplane raffle winner, Mark Bennett, stopped by to test fly his grand prize Piper Cherokee before heading home to show family and friends.



The winner of our fall 2022 airplane raffle, Perry DeMars, and his wife, Kathy, checking out their new plane in the Wings of Hope hangar.

National Aviation Hall of Fame Honors Wings of Hope

On Sept. 23, 2022, the National Aviation Hall of Fame presented Wings of Hope its 2022 Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight Award. The award recognizes organizations that exemplify the positive utilization of aviation for charitable purposes or for service to all — which has been integral to our mission for 60 years. We share this award with our volunteers, donors and supporters worldwide!



We are happy to recognize donors who support Wings of Hope with their generous gifts of \$500 or greater.

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