



Where There are Wings, There is Hope

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Wings of Hope Receives ISTAT Grant
Humanitarian grant to support work in Papua New Guinea

ST. LOUIS, MO (November 03, 2016) — The International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) Foundation awarded Wings of Hope an \$8,000 grant to support medevac services at one of the organization's newest field bases: Papua New Guinea. This is the second grant Wings of Hope has received from the ISTAT Foundation. In 2015, the foundation awarded the aviation nonprofit a \$10,000 grant to support its work providing emergency medical flights in Nicaragua.

"We are very grateful to the ISTAT Foundation for its continued support of our efforts to use aviation for the greater good," said Wings of Hope Board Chair Steve Akre. "In a place like Papua New Guinea – where people are literally cut off from health care resources – having access to a plane to fly people to emergency medical care is often the difference between life and death."

Wings of Hope is one of 14 humanitarian organizations that received a total of \$150,000 from the ISTAT Foundation in 2016.

"I am delighted that the ISTAT Foundation has been able to support 14 separate organizations, all of whom use the immense power of aviation to improve the lives of those people around the world who suffer as a result of natural disasters, poverty, lack of medical care or disability" said Julian Balaam, ISTAT Foundation Trustee and Humanitarian Chair.

The ISTAT Foundation's Humanitarian Aid Program supports causes that are designed to help save lives, promote human welfare, and provide medical treatment and transportation to those suffering from global disasters and afflictions. To learn more about the ISTAT Foundation, visit www.istat.org/foundation

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 or call 636-537-1302.

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