



Where There are Wings, There is Hope

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**Wings of Hope Receives Grant from Berges Family Foundation
\$50,000 grant to support free U.S. medical air transport service**

ST. LOUIS (April 5, 2018) — The Berges Family Foundation awarded Wings of Hope a \$50,000 grant to support the organization’s U.S.-based medical air transport program. This is the first grant the aviation nonprofit has received from the foundation.

“We are very grateful to the Berges Family Foundation for supporting our efforts to use aviation to transport people to the medical care they need to heal and to hope,” said Wings of Hope President and CEO Bret Heinrich.

In 2017, Wings of Hope flew 202 individuals to hospitals and specialized treatment centers throughout the Midwest — free of charge.

“Jim and Cathy Berges invest in organizations that make St. Louis a great place to live, visit and invest. We are proud, and humbled, that they have chosen to invest in Wings of Hope,” Heinrich said.

The foundation has a particular focus on funding initiatives that support cultural engagement, STEM preparedness, youth empowerment, and first responders and veterans.

“Wings of Hope provides a vital link between people facing serious health crises and the medical professionals who can give them the best chance at recovery,” Jim Berges, co-founder of the Berges Family Foundation, said. “The Berges Family Foundation is delighted to support the work this organization is doing to support these individuals and strengthen our community.”

To learn more, visit bergesfamilyfoundation.org.

About Wings of Hope

[Wings of Hope](http://WingsofHope) is an aviation nonprofit delivering humanitarian programs around the globe to lift people in need toward health and self-sufficiency. In the U.S., the nonprofit provides medical air transport services – free of charge – to individuals who need access to specialized medical care. The organization also works in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Central and South America, partnering with communities to improve their health, education, food security and economic opportunity. Wings of Hope has been twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and has a 4-star rating on Charity Navigator. Visit wingsofhope.ngo or call 636-537-1302.

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