

What is Public Benefit Flying?

MISSION STATEMENT:

"The Air Care Alliance promotes, supports, and represents public benefit flying through communication and cooperation among organizations facilitating flights for health, compassion, and community service."

HOW PUBLIC BENEFIT VOLUNTEERS HELP OTHERS:

Using their own time and general aviation aircraft, pilot volunteers from the many public benefit flying organizations help hundreds of people each month.

They and many other non-flying volunteers work to transport needy patients to facilities where they are able to receive medical attention they might otherwise have to do without. Many groups also play a significant role providing disaster and emergency relief, flying for environmental support, or performing other community service missions.

However, do note that these groups do NOT fly patients or supplies when insurance or other funds can provide commercial transport via air ambulance, charter, or airline. The public benefit flying volunteers fly only when financial need or other special circumstances mean a compelling human need would go unfulfilled.

Public benefit flying organizations utilize the unique capabilities of General Aviation aircraft to lend a hand whenever rapid and safe air transportation is needed to make health care accessible, save lives, or otherwise serve the public.

Individual organizations with this mission have been in existence for decades, but in 1990 the need to share resources and coordinate efforts became clear. At that time AIR MED 90, the first national conference of public benefit flying organizations, was organized by Bill Worden and Rol Murrow, our founders, at the headquarters of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Thus was born the Air Care Alliance.

Please investigate the information on this site and on those we list on our next page. You will learn about all the groups doing this work, discover the rich world of public benefit flying, and enjoy hearing about the generous people who use their skills and resources to help others. We also provide information for pilots and groups regarding regulations applying to flights, and a page with links to many other health resources on the web.

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