# Medical Travel Assistance Programs

There are many agencies that can assist families with travel to access medical care. Below are some of the organizations available, with website links, so you can learn more information and find one that might be of assistance to you should your loved one need medical transportation assistance. – Evan Farrar, PWSA (USA) Family Support Counselor

# **Umbrella Groups**

#### Air Care Alliance

Provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medical air transportation. <a href="www.aircareall.org">www.aircareall.org</a>

#### **Mercy Medical Airlift**

Provides charitable or deep-discount airline ticket programs for patients and patient escorts on behalf of various major airlines. www.mercymedical.org

### Miracle Flights for Kids

Provides financial assistance to low income children for commercial air travel to obtain special medical care. <a href="https://www.miracleflights.org">www.miracleflights.org</a>

## **National Patient Air Transport Helpline (NPATH)**

Provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medical air transportation. www.patienttravel.org

# **Regional / Private Plane Flights**

### Angel Flight, Inc. People Flying People in Need

Angel Flight is a non-profit organization of pilots and other volunteers who arrange free private air transportation for medical patients who cannot afford to utilize normal, commercial transportation. <a href="https://www.angelflight.com">www.angelflight.com</a>

#### **Angel Charity Network**

Air Charity Network (ACN) provides access for people in need seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community or national crisis. Flights are private planes flown my volunteer pilot programs. <a href="https://www.aircharitynetwork.org">www.aircharitynetwork.org</a>



## **Children's Flight of Hope**

Children's Flight of Hope provides free, private air transportation to and from medical facilities for children in need. www.childrensflightofhope.org

### **FOOTPRINTS** in the Sky

Denver-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing free flights for patients to medical facilities throughout the United States using mainly donated charter and corporate jets. Geography – Flies nationally but based out of Denver, CO footprintsflights.org

## **Operation Liftoff**

Operation Liftoff is a non-profit organization that provides air transportation for children with a life threatening illness for a treatment trip.

www.operationliftoff.com

#### **Patient Airlift Services**

Patient Airlift Services (PALS) is a non-profit organization that arranges free air transportation throughout the northeastern United States for individuals in need of diagnosis, treatment or follow up, as well as for military personnel and their families or for other compassionate or humanitarian reasons. Pilots volunteer their own small planes to provide a personalized service. Geography – mostly northeastern US <a href="https://www.palservices.org">www.palservices.org</a>