



# ANGELS IN THE AIR

*“Angel Flight East pilots are undercover angels. Nobody is forcing them to do this. They are doing it out of the kindness of their hearts, and I am living today because of it.”*

Oftentimes referred to as a best kept secret, Angel Flight East (AFE) provides free air transportation to medically stable, ambulatory children and adults in need of medical treatment far from home.

Although AFE’s office is based at Wings Field in Blue Bell, the organization covers a 14-state region from Virginia to Ohio to Maine. If there is ever a need to get a passenger outside of that territory, AFE links up with other volunteer pilot organizations to make small planes available.

Volunteer pilots are the core of AFE. Close to 400 of them are registered with AFE—men and women who use their own airplanes and pay for all costs of the flight to ensure passengers receive medical care they may not otherwise be able to get.

Outreach activity is essential for increasing awareness of services offered by AFE to prospective passengers who may qualify for our services. Most people who could benefit from our services have never heard of us. We need to get information to organizations such as hospitals as well as social and service organizations and their constituents. Key steps are to research, identify, and contact the appropriate person or persons in each organization. You may be thinking “If the pilots pay for everything, why does the

organization need money?” Angel Flight East is responsible for all the coordination of the pilots, including, but not limited to: outreach, qualifying passengers, recruiting pilots, scheduling flights, and matching passengers with pilots. Think of it like a small airline, without commercial airplanes.

With a small staff of three full-time and two part-time employees, AFE relies on its dedicated volunteers, both in the sky and on the ground. Just last year, we scheduled 829 flights, flying to over 30 renowned medical facilities.

AFE’s annual fund-raising event is called Wings N’ Wheels. It is a community day for the whole family, featuring antique cars and planes, children’s activities, live music, scenic flights, and much more. Wings N’ Wheels is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th at historic Wings Field in Blue Bell from 11 am to 4 pm.

**For more information on Angel Flight East, please visit [www.angelflighteast.org](http://www.angelflighteast.org) or call the office at 215-358-1900.**



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