Annual Grace On Wings Fundraising Dinner is Canceled

Here’s How You Can Help!

With much regret, our annual Grace on Wings Gala has been canceled due to the Covid 19 virus. The location where we typically hold this event has been forced to cancel all events through the end of the year.

As many of you know this is our only fundraiser for the ministry and we will miss seeing all of your sweet smiling faces, something we really look forward to.

We would like to thank all of you in advance for those of you who were planning to attend this year’s event. For those who have attended in the past and were hoping to attend this year, thank you so very much for your continued support.

If you are able to continue to support us through this fundraiser, it would be more than greatly appreciated. The cost per ticket would be $45.00 each or a table of 8 for $320.00. Hopefully some of you took last year’s “2020 spare change challenge”.

You can get this to us one of two ways...
1. Via mail to our address: Grace on Wings, PO Box 42788, Indpls. IN 46241
2. If you would like to deliver it personally to us at the hangar we would enjoy seeing you. Please be sure to call Shelli first to make sure we are not on a mission serving a patient.

It would also be fun if perhaps you were planning to sponsor a table and bring some new people to the gala this year.....how about a “field trip” to the hangar to see Nellie and Abe? This could be arranged in advance if it sounds like something you might be interested in. Again please call Shelli in advance to make these arrangements. She can be reached at the office number 317-248-0910.

I would also like to ask if you would take the time to share how Grace on Wings has impacted your life. Between now and the end of the year if you could please put a message regarding this on our facebook page and then share it on your own. Let’s see how many messages we can generate by doing this.

We are currently planning the date of Saturday, September 11, 2021 for next years Gala. WOW that sounds like a long way off. If you would like to mark your calendar we should have a confirmation for that date soon.
Volunteers Don’t Get Paid...
NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE....THEY ARE PRICELESS!

This could NOT be more true of the outstanding medical volunteers that we are so very blessed to have here at Grace on Wings. These registered nurses, respiratory therapists and paramedics work long hours caring and loving on people their entire shift at the jobs they have to help support their families. Then they turn around and donate an entire day (or two if our missions require us to spend the night) to serve Grace on Wings patients and their families. This is a HUGE sacrifice from both them and their own families who willingly share them with us. This does NOT go unnoticed or unappreciated.

A huge group of amazing individuals are always so flexible and understanding with me when things change at the last minute. In my opinion we have the very best volunteers any organization could ask for. Each of them possess a wealth of knowledge and compassion that is evident through their words and their actions of kindness. I am so proud to serve alongside each and every one of them. Without them we could NOT serve the patients and families that God puts before us.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO....
Our Paramedics:
Matt, Chad, Mark, Jarrett, Justin, Christian, Matt, Rocky, Christopher, Jennifer and Cristi
Our Registered Nurses:
Zac, Ryan, Teejay, Madison, Claire, Randall, Marisa, Ashley, Carly, Carolyn, Annie, Rachel and Chelsie
Our Respiratory Therapists:
Edith, Carla C., Carla P., John, Chris, Matt and John

They definitely do NOT do this for recognition but I wanted to share their names. If you would keep them and their families in your prayers I know they would really appreciate it.

In Support of Grace On Wings’ commitment to provide Charity Air Ambulance services to medical patients enduring financial hardship, please accept the following contribution:

- A one time gift of $______________.
- Enroll me as a “Luke 5” Monthly Supporter with $____________ Per Month.

Our goal is to get 400 monthly supporters to pledge $25 or more to cover ground costs to allow us to do more missions. Like the Bible story in Luke 5:18-26 where the crippled man’s friends lowered him down on ropes in front of Jesus.

Name:_____________________________________________________________
Address:___________________________________________________________City:________________________
State:_____ Zip Code:_______ Email:_________________________________
Phone:_________________________

Method of Giving: [Mark an “X” for your preference]

____ Check Enclosed (Payable to “Grace On Wings”)
____ Credit Card: ____ One Time Gift - or - ____ Monthly “Luke 5” Member
____ Visa ____ Mastercard ____ Discover Card ____ OTHER (Specify) ____________
Card# ____________________________________________ exp.____/____
____ Checking withdrawal: ____ One Time Gift - or - ____ Monthly “Luke 5” Member

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!
Maintenance
Let’s talk “plane/medical equipment maintenance.” This will help you know where you generous donations are being used.

Question #1: What makes the MU-2 a great airplane for the ministry?
Answer: The MU-2 is perfect for the ministry. It is fast, reliable, has a wide body cabin, rear load door and is very fuel-efficient.

Question #2: Why do we take the planes to Tulsa for maintenance?
Answer: Intercontinental Jet Service Corp (IJSC) is the factory owned and authorized Mitsubishi MU-2 service center. No one knows the MU-2 better than they do.

Question #3: How often do the planes have to go in for maintenance?
Answer: On average, about every 3 months, depending on how many hours we fly. Aircraft require maintenance by hours not miles and they require them at a minimum of every 100 hours. There are many other maintenance time frames beyond that such as 200-hour, 600-hour, etc.

Question #4: Could you give an example of the cost for just “general” maintenance and exactly what that covers?
Answer: For a general inspection the cost is around $30,000 each time without any major repair requirements. There are major costs like new propellers with a cost of around $80,000. Engine overhauls which can run anywhere from $120,000 to $360,000 per engine which can add an additional 2,000 to 7,000 hours of flying time.

Question #5: Why have 2 aircraft if you are only able to fly one at a time?
Answer: The need for 2 aircraft is so we have a back-up when the other is in maintenance allowing us to continue to serve families. When the aircraft go in for maintenance we can be without them for a week to 6 weeks depending on what they need. For example, the general maintenance of 1 week every 3 months gives us a total of 4 weeks without an aircraft which would make us unavailable to serve.

Question #6: What medical equipment requires annual maintenance?
Answer:
• Ventilator
• Cardiac monitor
• IV infusion pumps
• Suction units
All of these must be maintained on an annual basis to allow us to continue using them. It costs us on average about $1,600 to do so with a potential replacement cost of about $30,000.

Question #7: What other kinds of costs are involved in maintaining the ministry to allow us to serve patients?
Answer:
• Medical malpractice insurance
• Aircraft insurance
• Loan payments on the airplanes
• Both Medical and Aircraft annual training
• Website, marketing and fundraising costs
• Telephone, utilities, office supplies
• Hangar and office space

Recent Mission Facts
Here are some fun facts about the missions we had done since the gala last September: From September 25, 2019 to June 25, 2020.

• A total of 36 mission (15 of which were during the pandemic. God is Good!!)
• Departed and arrived in 28 different states.
• Patients ranged in age from just 34 weeks of up to the age of 88 years old.
• We even had 1 International departure and 1 International arrival:
  • Mission 612 our patient had been in Mexico and brought to Fort Lauderdale where we picked her up.
  • Mission 618 we delivered our patient to Niagara Falls where an ambulance with a Canadian crew were waiting to return him to Canada.
• That is 201 hours of flying time.
• 52,697 nautical miles which equates into 60,643 statute miles.
Dear Shelli,

It was so good to talk to you yesterday. Grace on Wings was a miracle to our family and especially to me. Did not tell you, but when my docs went with my medical records to their choice of surgeon for my body, he did not want to do it due to my age and the fact that I had several major infections. My spinal surgeon informed him I was not an ordinary 80-year-old. He was fantastic. I love with no back pain.

Again thank you so much. Loved! Will.

Shelli, Hark! Chris, Dr. Trichy,

Thank you for the list of donations in memory of Harold. Also for the look & gifts you sent.

I will never forget how kind all of you were. Since Grace on Wings is a great group and so so much for people.

Things are sure different here. Been in the house or yard those past weeks. Jeremy and Kevin have started farming. Thanks when being with Harold. To myself, comment as of 7/4.

Best, Bless

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