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Angel Flight West fills an important need for children like Jane

Without your generosity, little Jane might not have received the care she needed to survive.

Sweet little Jane from Kalispell, Montana was born prematurely with heart disease, Down syndrome, and other complications, and spent 37 days in the NICU as doctors fought to stabilize her condition. At four months old, she narrowly avoided a liver transplant when her own liver miraculously started working.

Jane’s case manager at Montana Children’s in Kalispell contacted Angel Flight West in June, and we flew her to Children’s Hospital Colorado where she had major heart surgery. Colorado volunteer pilot Tom McIntosh and his wife Peggy were so charmed by Jane she flew Joseph and his mom twice and look forward to flying him again in the future!
Jessica battles terminal illness far from home

Thanks to you, Jessica is responding to treatments she wouldn’t have been able to receive where she lives.

Jessica’s Story Continued...

Unfortunately, after the protocol there the cancer kept recurring, and Jessica was placed in hospice. Her doctors then recommended a bone marrow treatment at UCSD Moores Cancer Center in La Jolla, California, another 700 miles away.

Jessica has been able to receive treatment with AFW flying her and from this new destination five times so far. She is responding incredibly well to the new treatment with a positive prognosis. AFW will continue to be there for Jessica as long as she needs.

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and moved by her story, that when her return flight had to be cancelled because of bad weather, Tom purchased airline tickets to get the family home and even walked them to their gate.

Jane currently needs to see six pediatric specialists five days a week, and her mom had to quit her job to manage all her care. She'll need one more open-heart surgery in the near future, but she's on the road to good health and looking cuter than ever. Mom Nicole wrote to Tom, “You made her successful surgery possible, and we are grateful beyond belief. We will never be able to thank you enough.”

Joseph’s Angel Flights are more than just transportation to his doctors

Thirteen-year-old Joseph might possibly love aviation more than any other teenager in Auburn, Washington. Joseph was born in China and spent his first 11 years in an orphanage before he was adopted by single mom Joanne and brought to the U.S. That flight changed his life in more ways than one, and Joseph had his first flying lesson shortly after because his newfound passion for airplanes was so great.

The special thing about Joseph, though, is that he was born with microphthalmia, a condition where his eyeballs are extremely small and he can only see light. He also suffers from what is most likely institutional autism from his extended time in the orphanage. But Jacob loves airplanes, and his dream is to design instruments to help blind people become pilots. He trains with the Washington Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and flight instructors have told his mom that he has the ability to