



# Wings of Mercy

Giving wings to those in need.



## Monthly Flight Log

**9/1/2018**  
KRST-KJXN  
Kevin Dingman  
and Michael King  
Duke

**9/5/2018**  
KGRR-KUGN  
Chad L  
and Larry Fuerst  
Skyknight

**9/7/2018**  
KCVX-KARB  
Mike Miller  
and Randy Kitzman  
Meridian

**9/8/2018**  
KUGN-KGRR  
George Schraft  
and Jeremy Backlund  
Cessna 310

**9/9/2018**  
KARB-KFSD  
Gary VanderVeen  
and Bob VandenBerge  
Bravo

**9/11/2018**  
KSAW-KARB  
Mike Miller  
and Randy Kitzman  
Meridian

**9/12/2018**  
KARB-KSAW  
Mike Miller  
and Randy Kitzman  
Meridian

**9/13/2018**  
K9D9-KRST  
George Schraft  
and Jeremy Backlund  
Cessna 310

**9/16/2018**  
KBIV-KHOU  
Tim Fino  
and Marilyn Fino  
Seneca

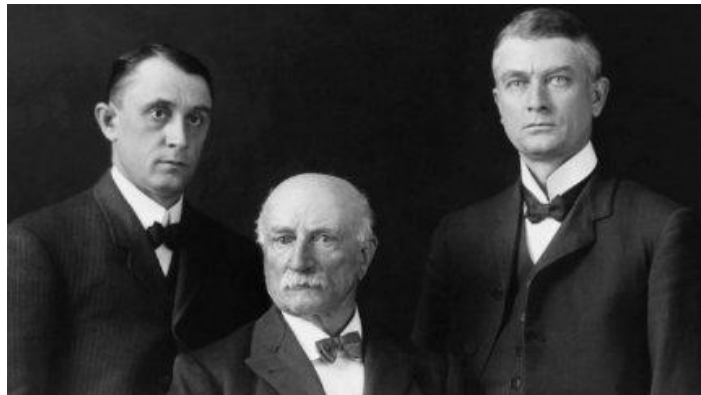
## From the Staff

The Wings of Mercy mission is to help people with both medical and financial need get to distant medical facilities like the Mayo Clinic.

In 2017, 1.3 million people from all 50 states and 136 countries went to Mayo Clinic for care. Around 40% of Wings of Mercy flights come and go to the clinic in Rochester, MN every year.

Ken Burns has created a wonderful documentary for PBS called [The Mayo Clinic: Faith - Hope - Science](#). This video tells the story of the beginnings of the clinic and what they are doing for healthcare today.

The free transportation you provide to our patients, by flying them to facilities like the Mayo Clinic, enables them to receive the best medical care that may save their lives.



## Patient Story



Willow TerHorst was born on March 21, 2018 with both Down Syndrome and a heart defect.

The family had to wait until Willow was a few months old before travelling from South Dakota to the University of Michigan's CS Mott Children's Hospital for heart surgery.

*Willow and her family*

**9/20/2018**  
KHOU-KBIV  
Tim Fino  
and Ed Phelka  
Seneca

Wings of Mercy pilot Kirk Zastrow contacted us to see if we could help the family return home to Sioux Falls, SD after Willow's surgery.

**9/21/2018**  
KRST-K9D9  
Chad L  
and Jason Binkowski  
Skyknight

Since Kirk was out of town when the family was ready to leave, we called on pilots Gary VanderVeen and Bob VandenBerge to fly the family home in the Metal Flow Cessna 550.

**9/22/2018**  
KMKG-KJBR  
Roland Betker  
and Larry Fuerst  
500 LX

We are so thankful that Gary, Bob, and the Metal Flow jet were available on short notice so that we could help this young family. We pray that Willow has a long, healthy life ahead of her.

**9/24/2018**  
KJXN-KRST  
Mike Miller  
and Steven Melvin  
Meridian

Wouldn't you love to fly for Wings of Mercy again? Just look over the calendar, sign up, and you will help a family in need like the TerHorsts.

**9/26/2018**  
KRST-KJXN  
Kevin Dingman  
and Michael King  
Duke



We love Willow's smile!

**9/30/2018**  
KSAW-KARB  
Steven Melvin  
and Joshua Easterly  
Stationair

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If you are able to help out, click below to donate.



Pilot Perspective



Wings of Mercy pilot, Kevin Dingman, has a new article in Twin and Turbine Magazine about the new [Boeing 737 Max](#).

*Wings of Mercy is a volunteer organization that provides free air transportation for people with limited financial means who need treatment at distant medical facilities. Patients are carried on private aircraft by volunteer pilots.*

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