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Anniversary
Over 23,000 free flights

Anniversary Report

2020

“I was diagnosed with an insanely rare gastrointestinal disorder known as Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome. The first thing I did was google map the distance from rural Vermont, to Baltimore. When I realized we were over 500 miles away, I knew it wouldn’t be an easy task... From the first call, to the 2 trips to Baltimore for surgery, and the days and weeks after returning home, PALS was there every step of the way... Without them, I would not have made the improvements I have had. They helped me live.”

“My middle son W receives treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York and we travel from Minnesota. It had been hard on my other 2 sons for us to be away so frequently... I was able to bring my oldest son H with us, which was such a blessing... H was able to see where W had been going for treatment, to give W support during his tough immunotherapy treatments, and understand why we needed to travel so often. It really helped him connect that we weren’t leaving and having a fun time without him. I would not have been able to afford our trips for treatment without help from PALS. He’s been No Evidence of Disease since August 2018 and I attribute that to the expertise of Memorial Sloan Kettering. Thank you for all you do for patients and families. It means more than I can say.”

“This is an excellent program that cares about our veterans and definitely an unbelievable experience!”

“When we first found out that we would need to make weekly trips to Springfield, Massachusetts we were really at a loss. We live 8+ hours away and didn’t know how we would ever manage that. PALS saved us! They made our trips safe and were so accommodating. We flew out of Bangor, Maine and usually made it to our destination within 1 hour. The pilots were so, so nice and made us feel at ease and almost like family! We always felt secure and protected.”

WHAT MOVES US

Our Mission:

**To help people on
their path to wellness.**

Our Commitment:

**To treat every person
with dignity and
compassion.**

Our Inspiration:

**To be just as determined
as the passengers we fly.**

Dear PALS Family,

Reflecting on our 10th anniversary, many thoughts and feelings arise. From humble beginnings we have experienced tremendous growth, from 232 flights in 2010 to 3,579 in 2019. With your help, we have continuously improved while staying true to our values.

Writing this in 2020, a time of so many challenges, where we are constantly shifting and adjusting to the “new normal” that is in front of us at that moment, we aspire to bring positivity and kindness to the challenges, to be nimble and thoughtful, just as we have for the past 10 years.

Ten years of PALS have been full of good times, with noteworthy accomplishments and beautiful moments shared with our passengers. We could not have done any of this without the generous support of our pilots, staff and donors.

Thank you for being our co-pilot in this mission.

Sincerely,



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OUR 2019 IMPACT:

3,579 Flights

10 Flights per Day

1,611 Flights for Children

177 Flights for Veterans

845,858 Passenger miles flown



10 YEARS OF IMPACT:

2,900 Families

23,000 Free Flights

900 Veteran Flights

10,700 Ground Trips

5,400,000

Passenger miles flown



For ten years, PALS has made critical flights happen. To help a child battling an illness get to a doctor who can save their life. To connect a wounded veteran with a rehabilitation program. To deliver food, water, and medicine after a natural disaster devastates.



PALS goes above and beyond to lift people up, treating every passenger on every flight with dignity and compassion, so that our passengers can focus on fighting for their lives. PALS believes that distance shouldn't stop someone from receiving a lifesaving treatment.

Early on, PALS proved they would go where they were needed most. In May 2010, PALS first disaster relief missions were flown after the devastating Haitian Earthquake.

By the end of that first year PALS had flown more than 200 flights for a total of 50,000 miles! PALS had 80 pilots.

The next year, the PALS for Patriots program was launched to transport combat wounded veterans to specialized military medical centers and to morale boosting events, including baseball games through a partnership with Major League Baseball.

In 2017, in response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, PALS completed 500 disaster relief flights moving more than 450 relief workers and evacuees as well as over 500,000 lbs of supplies.

To date, PALS' pilots have flown more than 23,000 donated flights for more than 2,900 families. There are now more than 600 pilots in the PALS family.

And we are just getting our started. With your help, the sky's the limit for how many missions we can fly and how many lives we can impact.



Pilots Who Have Been Volunteering All Ten Years

Joseph Howley
John Rochelle
Charles Kreider
Dale Thuillez
Gregory Benson
Peter Welles
James Platz
J Scott Dyer
Alan Sheiness

Most miles flown

James Platz
Joseph Howley
Mark Hanson
Dennis Coulombe
Lawrence Labriola
Jeff Horner
Paul Weismann
James Schmidt
Alan Sheiness
Jeffrey Gorman
James Bull
Adam Broun
John Bruno
John Rochelle
Melissa Norton



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American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
Angel Snow Fest
Vincent & Debra Annunziata
The John N. Blackman, Sr. Foundation
BTIG, LLC
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Robert & Maria Fisher
The Gettinger Family Foundation
Golf Fights Cancer
The Jeff & Sonya Gorman Family Fund
Tom Haas
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Max Kagan Family Foundation
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Family Foundation
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