

**Amir (St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador):** Amir, a young boy from St. John's, NL, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare form of eye cancer, beginning a difficult journey. Without specialists available in the province, his mother, Chantal, had to travel to Toronto's SickKids for his treatment. As a single parent, the financial burden was immense, but Hope Air stepped in to provide travel support through flights and hotel accommodations. This vital support ensured Amir received life-saving care while giving Chantal peace of mind, allowing her to focus on her son's health rather than the expenses of travel. Amir has travelled with Hope Air 8 times.

**Don (Vernon, BC):** Don from Vernon, BC, developed a cough initially misdiagnosed as asthma or reflux. His wife, Carolyn, pushed for a CT scan, revealing a large tumor around his esophagus and trachea. Diagnosed with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma (ACC), the cancer was deemed inoperable, and he was placed in palliative care. Refusing to give up, Don's daughter found a surgeon in Toronto willing to evaluate him. However, financial barriers made travel difficult until Hope Air stepped in, covering flights and accommodations. Don underwent a high-risk surgery, followed by aggressive radiation. With Hope Air's continued support, he now travels to Toronto for monitoring. His family is deeply grateful, recognizing that without Hope Air, Don wouldn't have survived. They thank donors for making such life-saving assistance possible.

**Joesph (Summerside, PEI):** After suffering a stroke, 84-year-old Joseph had to travel from Summerside, PEI, to Moncton, NB, for surgery. The unexpected delay meant costly multiple trips and overnight stays, straining his budget. Remembering Hope Air's past help, Joseph and his wife reached out and received support for travel and accommodations. His surgery was successful, and Hope Air's assistance eased the financial burden, allowing them to focus on recovery.

**Lori (Red Lake, Ontario):** Lori's journey began in 2015 when a screening bus in Red Lake, Ontario, detected her breast cancer. Facing high travel costs for treatment, she turned to Hope Air, which arranged her flights and accommodations. After overcoming breast cancer, she was later diagnosed with ovarian cancer, lymphoma, and a brain tumor. Hope Air's support eased her travel to Winnipeg and Thunder Bay for care. Now cancer-free for five years, she still relies on Hope Air for ongoing medical visits.

**Sawyer (Kelowna, BC):** Just before birth, Sawyer, from Kelowna, BC experienced a stroke, which caused complications during delivery and sent him and his mom, Nicole, to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver. For years, Sawyer and his parents travelled back and forth to Vancouver for follow-up appointments and treatment for epilepsy, ASD, moderate intellectual disability, and anxiety. Then, one of Sawyer's CEAs (Certified Education Assistants) told his parents about Hope Air. From that point on, the long drives from Kelowna to Vancouver for care became quick flights. For over three years now, Sawyer has been able to receive the care he needs far from home without his family worrying about the cost of travel or time away from their children.

**Sienna (Iroquois Falls, Ontario):** Sienna and her family from Iroquois Falls, Ontario were faced with the need to travel to Ottawa for treatment of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH). For her family, Hope Air has been essential in helping her get to the care she needs. Sienna has travelled with Hope Air 11 times since 2023.

**Theo (Saint John, New Brunswick):** Born with a severe heart condition, Theo needed life-saving surgeries over 1,500 km from home in Saint John, NB. Thanks to Hope Air, Theodore's family could travel to Toronto, ensuring he received critical care as a newborn and again this fall. At just six months old, Theodore is thriving.

**Scarlett (Charlottetown, PEI):** Scarlett was born prematurely at 25 weeks, weighing just 1.09 pounds, and faced a challenging journey with extended NICU stays and a diagnosis of Retinopathy of Prematurity. Her mother, Mackenzie, travelled weekly from PEI to Halifax for Scarlett's specialized care, a 12-hour round trip that brought emotional and financial strain. When Mackenzie learned about Hope Air, the financial strain was lifted. Hope Air provided ferry passes and gas cards, easing the burden of travel and allowing Mackenzie to stay connected to her family during a difficult time. With Hope Air's support, Scarlett received the care she needed without the stress of overwhelming travel costs.