

# About Hope Air

For individuals living in rural, remote, and underserved communities, unique barriers to health care access exist. Through Hope Air, patients in financial need receive free flights, accommodations, meals, and airport ground transportation when travelling far from home for care.

This year is a special year for Hope Air. Founded in 1986 Hope Air is proud to celebrate 40 years. Over the past four decades, the organization has provided more than 277,000 travel arrangements for over 106,000 patients and their escorts living in more than 700 communities across Canada—ensuring that distance and cost are never the reason someone misses critical medical treatment. Hope Air's 2025 National patient survey found with the support of Hope Air:

- Patients save over \$2,600 in medical travel costs
- 1 in 3 patients skip or postpone care due to travel costs
- 50% of patients can't afford the trip to medical care
- Patient ER visits drop 27%
- Hospital admissions decrease by 36%
- 48% of patient remain in their province with Hope Air's help
- Over 50% of Hope Air patients require an escort to travel

## About Hope Air Day

**HOPE AIR**  
**DAY**

Hope Air Day celebrates the mission and impact of our community working together to ensure equitable access to healthcare for all Canadians. Through Hope Air, we bridge the distance between home and hospital for thousands of vulnerable patients living in rural and underserved communities. On Hope Air Day we celebrate the partners, donors, government, volunteers and others who affirm Hope Air as an essential health care service provider and call on others to acknowledge the same.

On May 6th, join us as we raise awareness of Hope Air's role in helping Canada deliver its promise of universal healthcare.