

# 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

## Impact in Newfoundland & Labrador in 2025

- 896 patient and escort trips for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians
- 3,406 medical travel arrangements
- 1,472 airline flights
- 1,142 nights of accommodation
- 399 hotel meal vouchers
- 393 airport ground transportation trips.
- Hope Air delivered 57% more travel arrangements in 2025



"Living in Labrador, it's common to have to travel for almost every specialist appointment or wait until a specialist visits the local hospital. Even the next closest hospital in our province is over 600 km away. This is a reality that not everyone fully grasps." ~ Billie, Savannah's mom



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