



HOPE AIR

1986



2026

YEARS



Tahir Ayub, Board Chair



**Mark Rubinstein
Chief Hope Officer**

Reflecting on Your Impact in 2025

Dear Supporters,

Every year, thousands of Canadians face a difficult reality: the medical care they need is simply too far from home.

For many families, the cost of travel — flights, accommodation, meals and ground transportation — can become an impossible barrier to care. That is where Hope Air steps in.

Because of the generosity of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters, Hope Air continues to ensure that distance and cost do not prevent Canadians from accessing the health care they need. This year, together, we supported tens of thousands of medical travel arrangements for patients and their escorts from over 700 communities across Canada.

Behind every number is a life changed: a parent traveling with a child for life-saving treatment, a cancer patient accessing specialized treatment, or a senior finally receiving surgery that will restore mobility and independence. Each journey represents Hope — and the belief that where you live should never determine receiving the best health care you need.

As we reflect on this year's impact, we are deeply grateful to everyone who makes this work possible. From individual donors to corporate partners, foundations, volunteers, event participants, and government supporters. Your ongoing commitment helps ensure that Hope Air remains a lifeline for patients in financial need. The need for equitable access to health care in Canada has never been greater. As we look ahead, Hope Air remains focused on expanding awareness of our program, strengthening partnerships, and reaching even more Canadians who need help traveling to care.

Together, we are building a future where the promise of access to universal health care is kept.

Thank you for helping us deliver Hope.

Sincerely,

Tahir Ayub & Mark Rubinstein

Theo, St John, NB

Diagnosed before birth with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, Theodore required multiple open-heart surgeries far from home. Living in Saint John, NB, his family had to travel over 1,500 km to Toronto for specialized care. Introduced to Hope Air by a social worker, they received flights and travel support that eased financial and emotional strain—allowing them to focus on Theodore’s surgeries, recovery, and future.



1986
to 2019

The Early Years: A Growing Lifeline

In its early decades, Hope Air—founded as Mission Air—operated through a small but determined network of volunteers who coordinated flights, built partnerships, and supported patients largely by hand. Corporate aviation partners, commercial airlines, and volunteer pilots donated seats, aircraft, and time to ensure patients could reach care.

By the late 1990s, the organization had expanded nationwide, serving remote, northern, and rural communities. As corporate aircraft declined, Hope Air evolved—launching a Volunteer Pilot Program, strengthening airline partnerships, and later introducing purchased flights to meet growing demand.

Through the 2000s and 2010s, the charity broadened its impact with new funding partnerships, expanded programs, and national recognition, helping thousands more Canadians access medical care.

Behind every flight were people facing serious illness—children, seniors, and families—each journey easing the burden of distance and cost, reinforcing a simple truth that access to care can change lives.



Vincent from Sept Illes,
QC & Volunteer Pilot Jean

2020
to 2022

A Nation Disrupted: The Pandemic Years

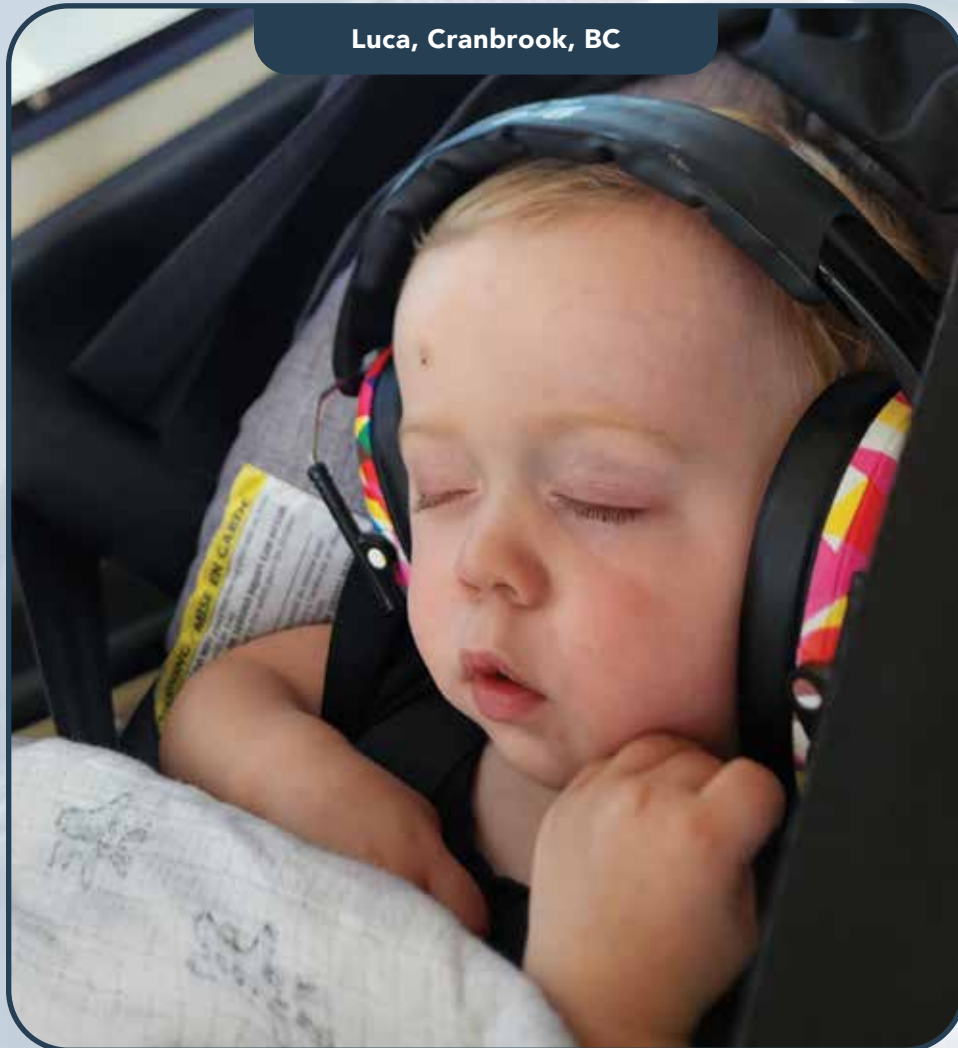
The upheaval of 2020.

The skies quieted, hospitals shifted focus, and uncertainties grew. But the need did not disappear. It deepened. Hope Air adapted, advocated, and persisted. Even in the most turbulent period of modern healthcare, the organization remained a constant thread of support—helping patients travel safely when few other options existed.

Amidst these challenging times Hope Air supported 23,850 travel arrangements.

These were years of resilience and resolve.

Luca, Cranbrook, BC



2023
to 2025

Hyper Growth: Reaching Record Breaking Demand

As Canada emerged from the pandemic, something significant happened to Hope Air: demand surged. While the resumption of care played an important role, it was only part of a broader shift. Hospitals began to welcome patients back for diagnosis and treatment as COVID-related constraints eased, airlines restored critical routes—including to northern communities—and patients regained confidence in travelling. At the same time, heightened awareness of access-to-care barriers, combined with the growing financial strain of inflation, meant more Canadians than ever needed support to reach the healthcare they depend on. What initially appeared to be a rebound became something more enduring: a new normal of sustained and growing need.

Hope Air responded with innovation—expanding partnerships, introducing travel programs beyond flights, enhancing digital tools, and strengthening community relationships.

The organization found itself in a new chapter; one defined not just by recovery, but by sustained growth and urgency.

Patient stories, many of whom had care delayed or disrupted during the pandemic, served as a powerful reminder of both lingering impacts and ongoing barriers Canadians continue to face.

In the face of these challenges, the Hope Air community remained resolute: together, we rose to meet this moment, ensuring all eligible travel requests could continue to be supported.

Simona, Prince Rupert, BC



2026
and
beyond

The Next Chapter: A Bridge to the Future

Today, Hope Air stands as a trusted, essential partner in Canada's healthcare system. What began as an act of compassion between two women has become a nationwide network of airlines, pilots, donors, partners, government, volunteers and communities—tens of thousands of people connected through hope.

The issue identified by Joan, Jinnie and dedicated supporters and volunteers in our early days remains: barriers of cost and distance make it impossible for Canada to deliver on its promise of universal access to healthcare without support.

The scale has changed, but the Hope Air community remains resolute in the face of these barriers. As we look across the broad geography of Canada and into the future, we are proud to stand with committed supporters ensuring that families and individuals in financial need will reach accessing vital medical care, despite distance or cost.

As Hope Air looks ahead to the next decade one truth remains unchanged; when Canadians come together, hope takes flight.

Paisley & Simon, Regina, SK



Sarah, Calgary, AB

At 40, Sara from Calgary chose to donate part of her liver to her cousin with autoimmune hepatitis. After matching, she had to travel to Toronto for surgery—an added stress she hadn't expected. Referred by her UHN transplant team, Hope Air provided flights, hotels, meals, and transportation. The support eased the financial and logistical burden, allowing Sara to focus on her life-saving gift and recovery.




40 Years of Impact

Behind every number is a patient, a family, and a journey to care that might not have been possible otherwise. For four decades, Hope Air has helped Canadians travel across provinces and territories to access specialized medical treatment far from home.

The numbers below represent the total travel arrangements and trips over 40 years that partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters have helped to ensure that distance and cost are never barriers to healthcare.



Travel Arrangements:
277,681



Flights:
50,287



Patient & Caregiver Trips:
106,248

Our Founders Legacy Drives Our Mission

Hope Air was built on a simple but powerful belief: no patient should be denied access to medical care because of distance or cost. That belief took shape in the 1980s, when two women, **Jinnie Bradshaw** and **Joan Rogers**, independently witnessed the barriers facing Canadians who needed to travel for treatment and knew there had to be a better way.

While working at Air Canada, Jinnie learned of a U.S. program using corporate aircraft to transport cancer patients. Struck by the absence of anything similar in Canada, she began imagining what was possible. At the same time in Toronto, volunteer Joan Rogers saw patients from the East Coast arrive at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre after exhausting 15–20 hour bus journeys, witnessing firsthand the toll that travel placed on those already facing serious illness.

When Jinnie and Joan met in 1986, their shared determination sparked the creation of Mission Air Transportation Network, now known as Hope Air. That same year, on November 8, Hope Air arranged its first flight for a young child travelling from New Brunswick to Toronto for cancer treatment—marking the beginning of a movement grounded in compassion and action.

Four decades later, their legacy lives on. From a handful of flights in its early days to more than 14,000 in 2025, Hope Air has facilitated over 275,000 travel arrangements for patients across Canada. Today, we continue to build on their vision—expanding programs, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring patients can access the care they need.



Recognizing Hope Air Patrons 2026

Hope Air is proud to recognize individuals and organizations that have had a profound and lasting impact, on the ability of Hope Air to meet ongoing and growing demand for our programs. A Hope Air Patron is the highest honour awarded by the charity, in acknowledgement of compassion, dedication and generosity that these individuals and organizations exhibit in their dedication to patients in need.

The Patrons recognized represent the many governments, funders, individuals, partners, donors, and volunteers who have helped Hope Air deliver on its promise of universal access to healthcare since 1986. We are privileged to recognize this group as a celebration of all those who fuel our mission.

Andrew Knight

Ann & Bev Collombin

Auriol Marasco

Government of British Columbia

Bearskin Airlines

Billy Bishop Airport

BMO Bank of Montreal

Brenda Currie

CAA Club Group (CCG) & Jay Woo

CBA

Dave McElroy

David Garner

Dome Mine (Discovery Porcupine)

Donna Hill

Doug Keller Hobson

The Four Oaks Foundation

Gerd Wengler

Gordon Roberts

Gore Bay Airport (Robby Colwell)



NAV CANADA

Government of Newfoundland & Labrador

Northpine Foundation

Pacific Coastal Airlines

Pam Dunlop

Paul Clark

Government of Prince Edward Island

Peter Jennings

Porter Airlines

Pratt & Whitney

R. Howard Webster Foundation

RBC Foundation

Rhonda McCaffery

Scotiabank

Scott & Joanne Macpherson

Uber

Wayne Twaits

WestJet

Vancouver International Airport

Paisley & Simon, Regina, SK

Chelsi's children, Paisley (10) and Simon (4), were born with osteogenesis imperfecta, a rare disease that causes fragile bones. Each year, they travel from Regina to Montreal's Shriners Hospital for specialized care. With no direct flights and added health challenges, the journey is exhausting and costly. Through Shriners, Chelsi found Hope Air, which provides flight support—making it possible for her children to access expert treatment annually.



2025 Impact Highlights

This year marks a milestone for Hope Air: 40 years of impact, 40 years of service, and 40 years of ensuring that Canadians can access the healthcare they need—no matter where they live.

In 2025, that impact reached new heights. This report reflects a record number of flights delivered in a single year and countless patient journeys made possible through your support. Behind every number is a simple but powerful truth: without support, many Hope Air patients have indicated they would be forced to delay or forgo medical care altogether due to the cost and complexity of travel.

Data gathered from Hope Air patients shows how our support has led to improved health outcomes and less strain on families and the healthcare system.

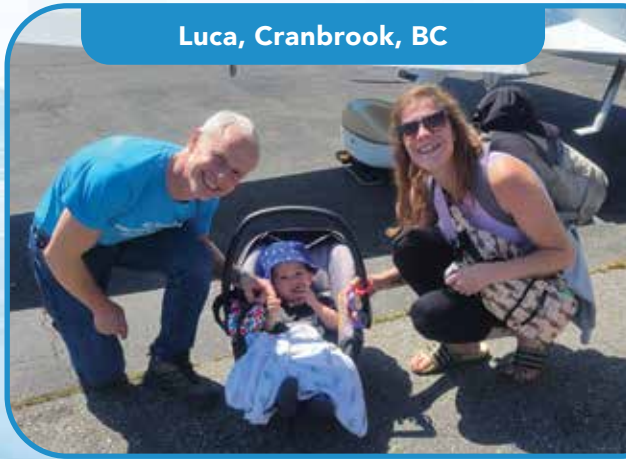
Together, we are changing that reality.



Travel Arrangements

38,392

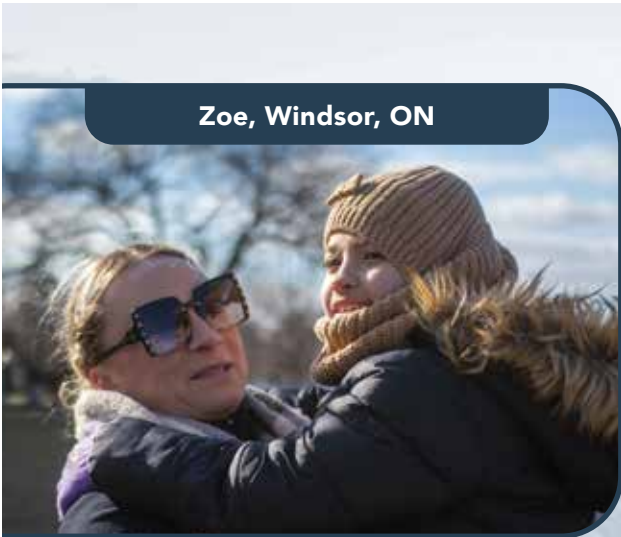
Luca, Cranbrook, BC



Zoe, Windsor, ON

Flights

14,433



Clare, Valemount, BC

Patient & Caregiver Trips

10,288



Communities

710

Jayden & Logan, St. John's, NL



Elodie from Sault Ste. Marie, ON
with Volunteer Pilot, Sylvio



Patient hospital admissions decrease by

36%

emergency room visits drop 27%
with Hope Air's support

48%

of patients remain in their province
with Hope Air's help, indicating they would
otherwise have to relocate



Volunteer Pilot, Gerd



Theo, Saint John, NB

Over

33%

of patients would otherwise skip or postpone
care due to travel costs impacting overall health
outcomes without Hope Air's support

Jennifer, Terrace, BC

After months of severe chest pain and misdiagnoses, Jennifer was diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma. Living in Terrace, BC, she had to travel nearly 1,400 km to Vancouver for specialized cancer care. On disability and facing overwhelming costs, she turned to Hope Air. With flights, accommodations, and meal support, Hope Air eased the financial strain, allowing Jennifer to focus on treatment and recovery.



Hope Air in the Community

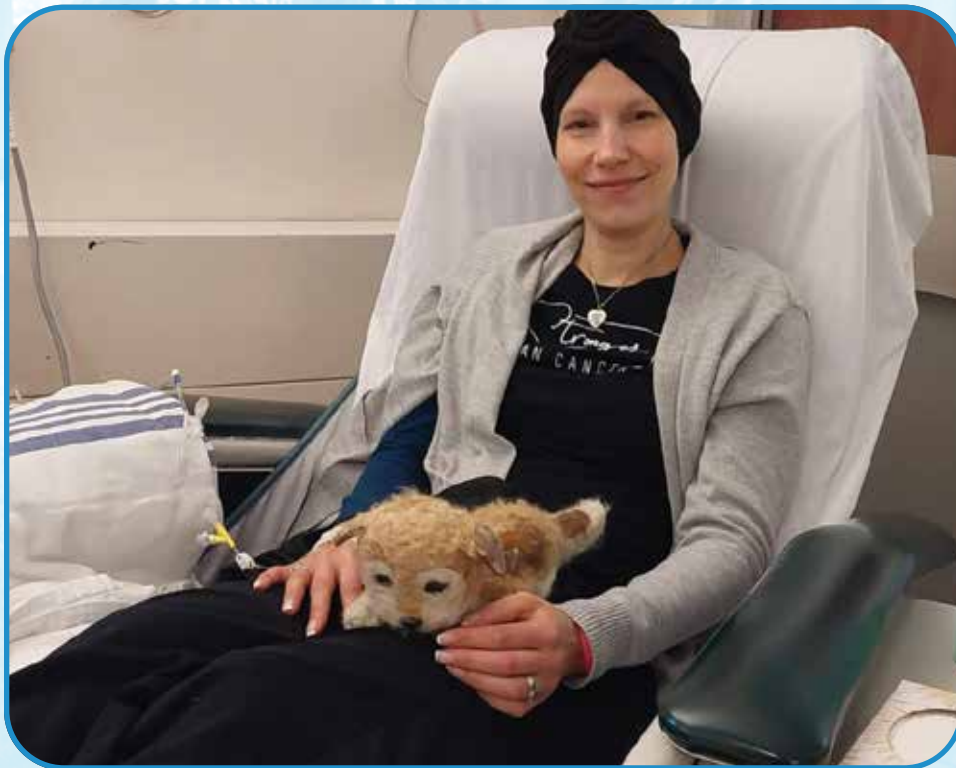
The Hope Air Community is the fuel behind the impact on patients.

Every day, a community of supporters—governments, industry partners, foundations, donors, volunteers, advocates, and healthcare collaborators—come together to ensure all patients reach vital medical care regardless of where they live. In 2025, that collective commitment strengthened Hope Air's role as an essential part of Canada's healthcare system.

However you see your contribution reflected, you are part of something bigger: a national movement grounded in compassion, equity, and action.

Together, we are keeping Canada's promise of universal healthcare—ensuring that distance, cost, or circumstance never stand between a patient and the care they need.

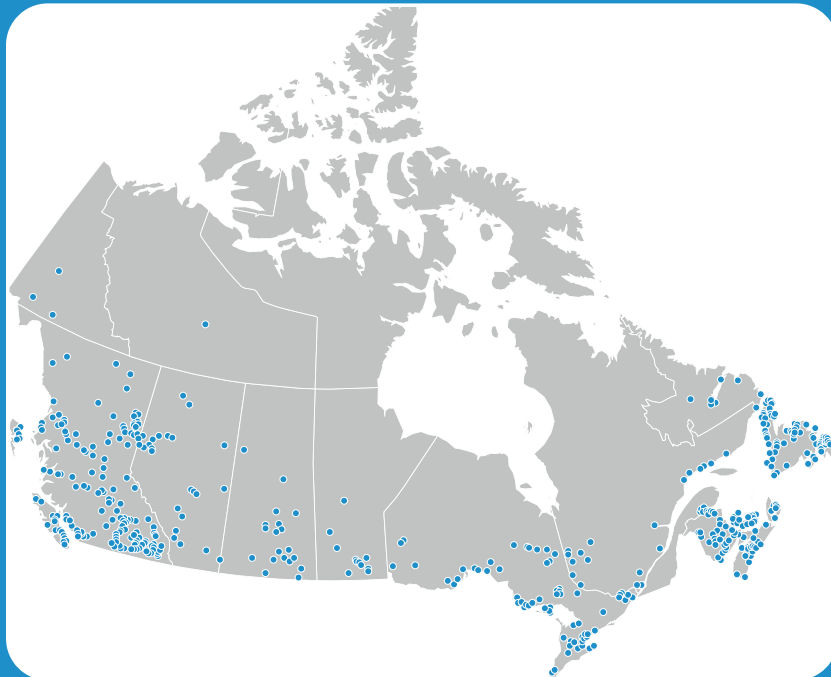
On behalf of everyone at Hope Air, thank you for your commitment to making that promise real.



Hope Air Serves Over 700 Communities

Hope Air's impact spans the entire country, connecting patients in rural, remote, and underserved communities with the specialized healthcare they need. Hope Air carries patients from small towns to major urban hospitals bridging vast distances and ensures that Canadians can access treatment regardless of where they live. In 2025 Hope Air provided travel support to patients and their caregivers from over 700 communities across Canada.

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Haul for Hope

2025 marked Hope Air's third annual Haul for Hope!

Events were hosted from coast to coast — in St. John's, Toronto, Vancouver, Kelowna, Edmonton, and Calgary — giving us the incredible opportunity to go behind the scenes, work as a team, and collaborate with our presenting sponsors, airport partners, and participants to make a real difference.

Across the country, 88 teams came together with passion and purpose, pulling for hope and raising an astounding \$470,000 in support of Canadians who must travel for medical care. Haul for Hope is more than just a test of strength — it's a celebration of teamwork, determination, and community spirit.

Every meter each team pulled was proof of their commitment to helping patients access the care they need, no matter the distance.

We are grateful for our many participants, volunteers and sponsors, including Eastern Canada presenting sponsor Porter Airlines, and Western Canada presenting partner WestJet. WestJetters in particular went above and beyond this year, providing aircraft at four sites, 15 volunteers, 13 fundraising teams, and \$55,000+ raised.



Give Hope Wings

Last year's Give Hope Wings provided the emotional and physical bridge connecting communities across the country with Hope Air's mission. Pilots flew from Northern Ontario to Winnipeg, stopping in multiple cities and sharing their journey with Canadians coast to coast while raising \$400,000 to ensure that Hope Air patients continue to receive the travel support they need to get to care.

As part of Hope Air Day on June 6, Give Hope Wings expedition pilots stopped in Sault Ste. Marie on their way to Winnipeg to celebrate and build awareness of the real challenges faced by patients who must travel long distances to access essential care by sharing with each community how Hope Air makes that possible. Together, we amplified the mission of Hope Air and celebrated the people, partners and communities making equal access to care possible – one flight at a time.



Hope Air Day

On June 6, communities, partners, patients, volunteers and donors across Canada came together to mark Hope Air Day, a national day of action, and helped us by sharing their voice to raise awareness about the barriers patients living in rural and underserved areas must face when accessing vital healthcare.

Hope Air Day 2025 was celebrated across Canada through a series of social and traditional media activations, and with a special live event taking place in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This exclusive concert featured entertainment and Hope Air patients, city leaders, volunteer pilots, partners, and other key stakeholders delivering the message that patients living in rural, remote and underserved communities deserve to receive equitable access to health care.



Gander FIR

Since its establishment in 2016, the Gander FIR Charity Golf Tournament has become a powerful example of how aviation professionals and community members can come together to support Canadians who must travel for medical care. Organized by members of the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association (CATCA), the tournament has consistently drawn a full field of golfers each year, reflecting the strong commitment of the Gander aviation community to helping patients access the healthcare they need.

Led by committee members Keith Clarke, Glenn Bennett, and Kelly Dunn, the tournament has raised more than \$300,000 since its inception, thanks to the dedication of participants, sponsors, volunteers, and the generous matching support of NAV CANADA.

In 2025, the tournament welcomed 125 participants and raised \$35,000 in support of Hope Air. These funds play a critical role in helping patients travel to essential medical appointments, ensuring that distance and cost are never barriers to receiving care.

The continued success of the Gander FIR Charity Golf Tournament, and the many fundraising events hosted by individuals and corporate partners in 2025, demonstrates the lasting impact that a committed community can have when they rally together behind a shared purpose — helping Canadians reach the care they need, when they need it.



Volunteer Pilot Program

In 2025, Hope Air's Volunteer Pilot Program continued to be a vital lifeline for patients traveling to access medical care. Our dedicated volunteer pilots completed 109 missions nationally, a 22% increase from the previous year, across 34 routes, supporting patients in communities where travel options are limited or non-existent. This year, the program expanded its reach to 11 new communities, including Fredericton, NB, and Bonaventure, QC, while welcoming five new pilots to strengthen service across Alberta and Saskatchewan in 2026.

For patients traveling from communities like Cochrane, ON to North Bay, ON, Bonaventure, QC to Montreal, or Vernon, BC to Vancouver, where commercial service is unavailable, Volunteer Pilot flights were often their only option. Without this support, many would face long, complex journeys or miss critical appointments altogether. The dedication of our volunteer pilots provides more than transportation, it delivers hope, dignity, and access to care when it's needed most.

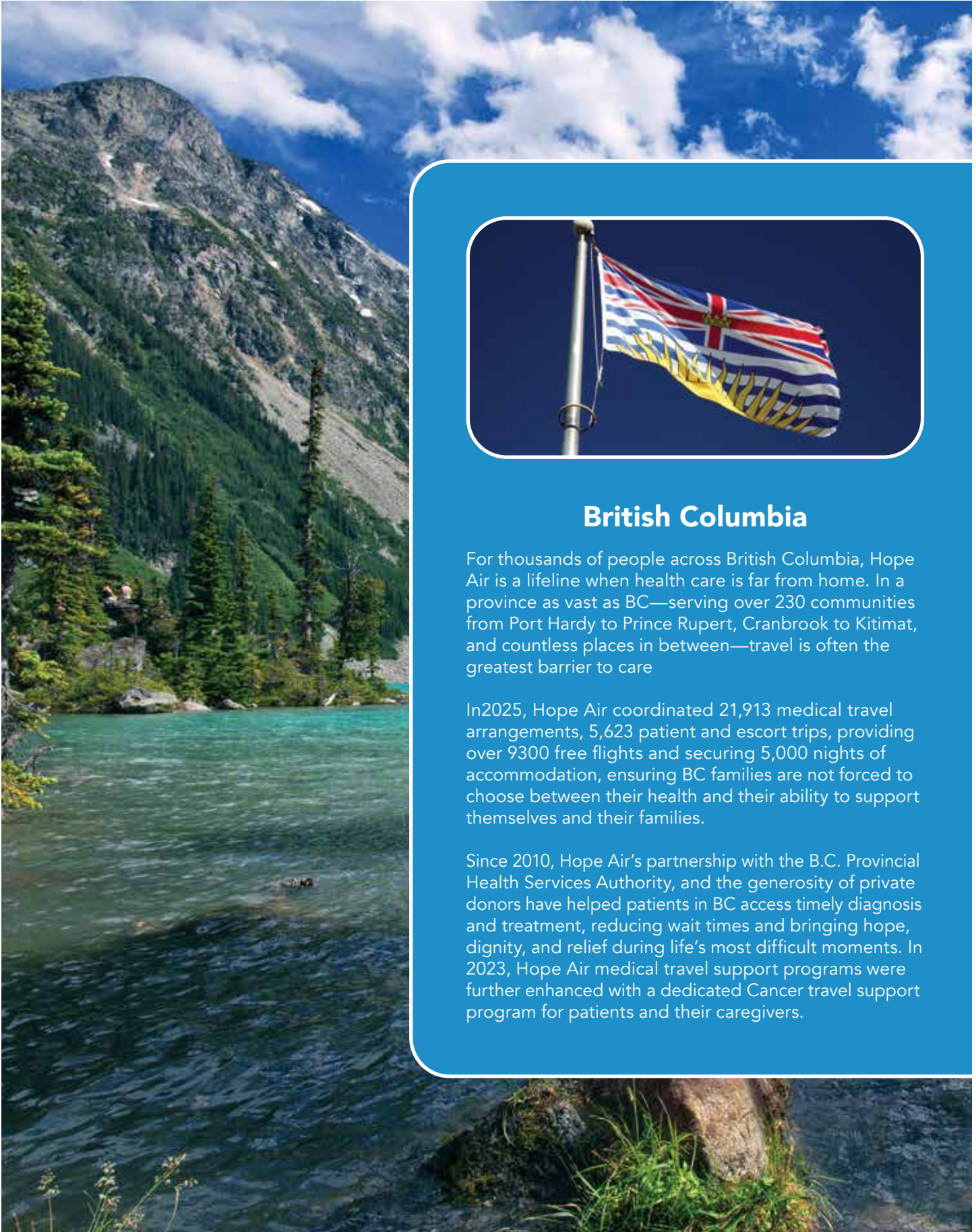


Savannah, Labrador City, NL

Born in 2016 with a complex congenital heart defect, Savannah has undergone multiple heart procedures since infancy. After moving to Labrador City, her family faced 1,300+ km trips to Halifax for cardiac care, with flights costing up to \$1,500–\$2,000 per person. Long drives and ferries were exhausting and costly. Hope Air eased the financial and travel burden, ensuring Savannah could access lifesaving follow-up care close to specialists.



Hope Air Government Partnerships Spotlight



British Columbia

For thousands of people across British Columbia, Hope Air is a lifeline when health care is far from home. In a province as vast as BC—serving over 230 communities from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert, Cranbrook to Kitimat, and countless places in between—travel is often the greatest barrier to care

In 2025, Hope Air coordinated 21,913 medical travel arrangements, 5,623 patient and escort trips, providing over 9300 free flights and securing 5,000 nights of accommodation, ensuring BC families are not forced to choose between their health and their ability to support themselves and their families.

Since 2010, Hope Air's partnership with the B.C. Provincial Health Services Authority, and the generosity of private donors have helped patients in BC access timely diagnosis and treatment, reducing wait times and bringing hope, dignity, and relief during life's most difficult moments. In 2023, Hope Air medical travel support programs were further enhanced with a dedicated Cancer travel support program for patients and their caregivers.

Hope Air Government Partnerships Spotlight



Newfoundland & Labrador

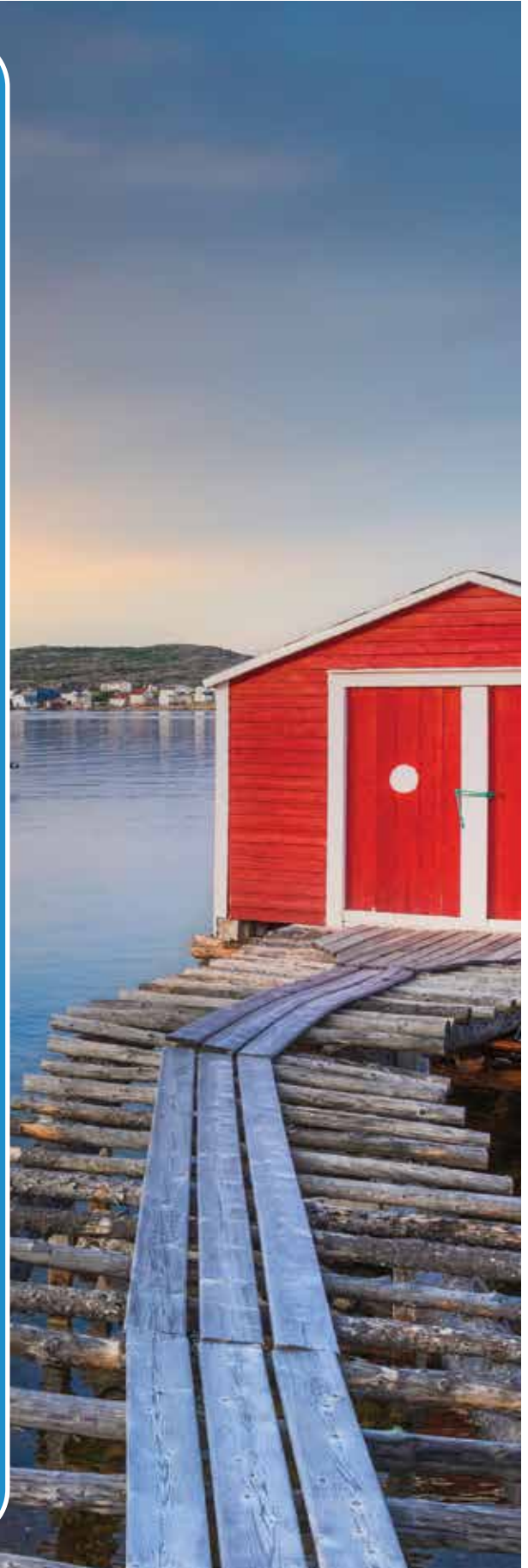
Newfoundland & Labrador (NL) is considered by many the spiritual birthplace of Hope Air. Forty years ago, some of Hope Air's first flights carried patients from the province to Toronto for care. 2025 marks another milestone year for Hope Air in NL, with record-breaking impact in the province.

Hope Air supported 890 patient and escort trips in the province in 2025, representing 3,381 medical travel arrangements. This includes over 1472 airline flights, 1142 nights of accommodation, 399 hotel meal vouchers, and 393 airport ground transportation trips. This includes patients travelling from Labrador, the Northern Peninsula and Western NL to St. John's, as well as patients from across the province who must leave the province for specialty medical care unavailable at home. In 2025 Hope Air served residents from over 77 communities across the province, from Margaree to Bay Bulls, Burin to Cartwright.

Hope Air has been able to meet the growing demand through the support of generous private sector foundations, corporations and individuals. A substantive investment from the Northpine Foundation has been particularly transformational in the charity's ability to meet patient demand and scale.

In 2025, Hope Air also launched a pilot program with the provincial Department of Labrador Affairs, to enhance support for residents across the Province. This program enables Hope Air to assist more individuals and families in need while providing up-front, no-cost travel support to the provinces' most vulnerable residents in an efficient manner, reducing barriers to cost, travel logistics, and paperwork.

With the commitment of these and other partners, Hope Air is ensuring equitable access to healthcare in the province like never before.



Hope Air Government Partnerships Spotlight

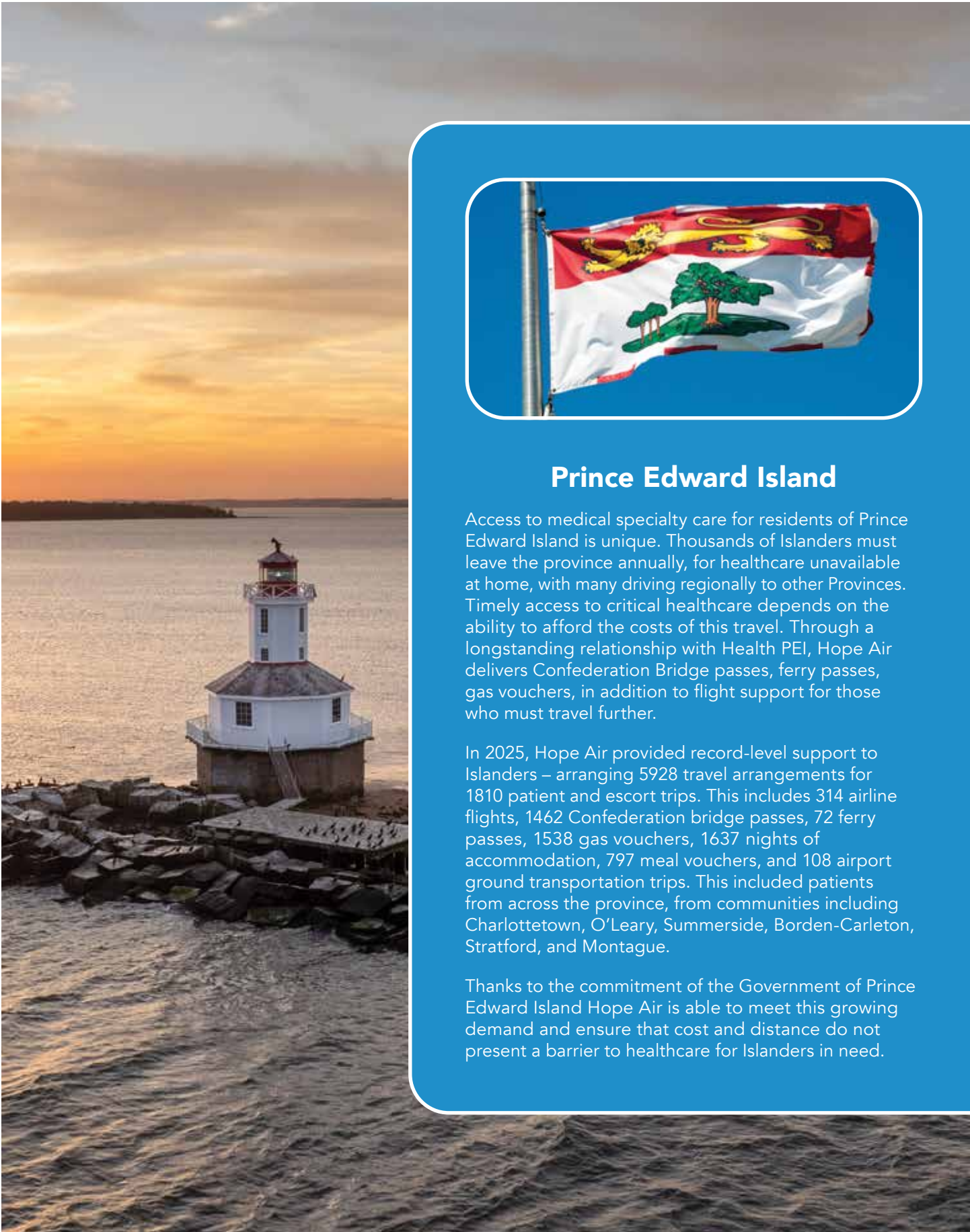


Prince Edward Island

Access to medical specialty care for residents of Prince Edward Island is unique. Thousands of Islanders must leave the province annually, for healthcare unavailable at home, with many driving regionally to other Provinces. Timely access to critical healthcare depends on the ability to afford the costs of this travel. Through a longstanding relationship with Health PEI, Hope Air delivers Confederation Bridge passes, ferry passes, gas vouchers, in addition to flight support for those who must travel further.

In 2025, Hope Air provided record-level support to Islanders – arranging 5928 travel arrangements for 1810 patient and escort trips. This includes 314 airline flights, 1462 Confederation bridge passes, 72 ferry passes, 1538 gas vouchers, 1637 nights of accommodation, 797 meal vouchers, and 108 airport ground transportation trips. This included patients from across the province, from communities including Charlottetown, O’Leary, Summerside, Borden-Carleton, Stratford, and Montague.

Thanks to the commitment of the Government of Prince Edward Island Hope Air is able to meet this growing demand and ensure that cost and distance do not present a barrier to healthcare for Islanders in need.

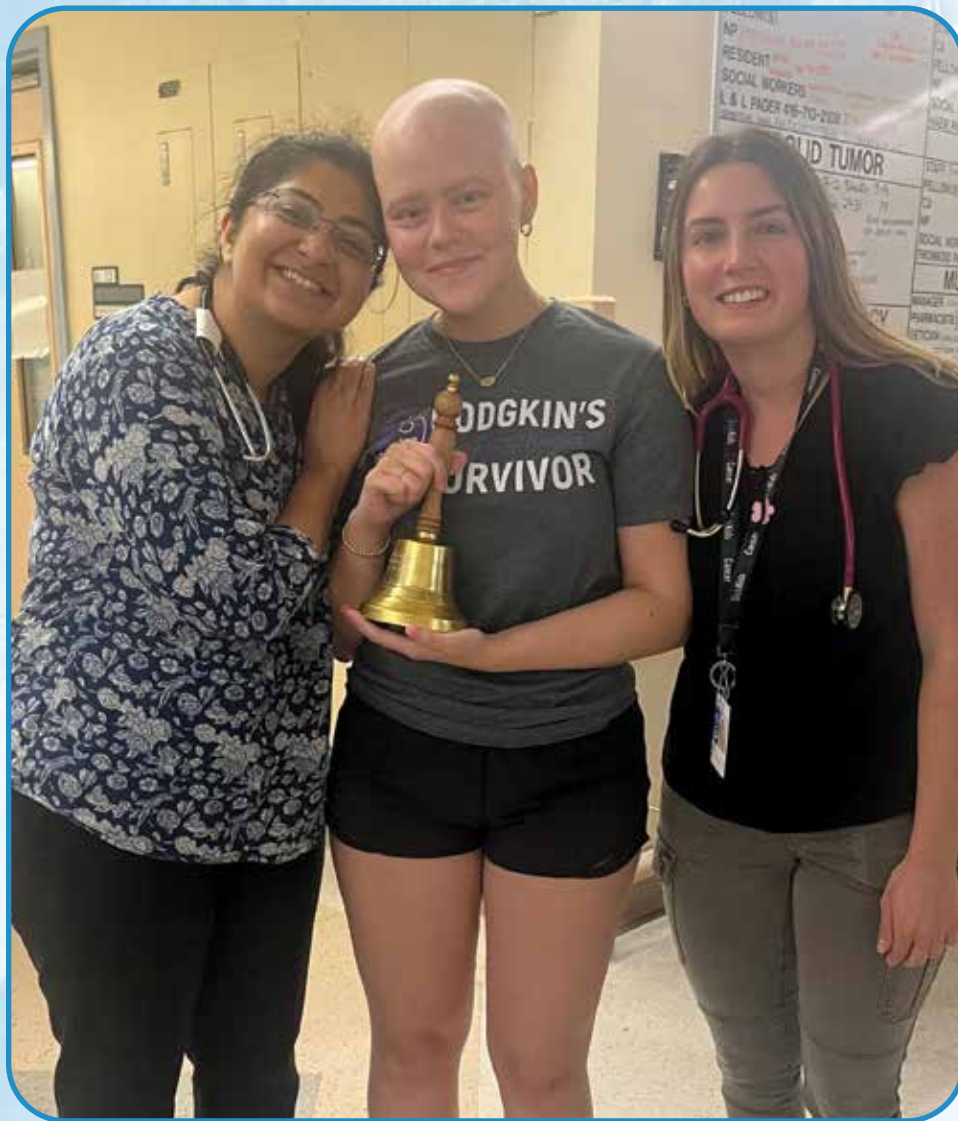


**Thank you to all Provincial Governments
for your support**



Diamond, Cochrane, ON

When 15-year-old Diamond was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma in March 2024, her life was uprooted. She spent 138 days in Toronto undergoing four rounds of chemotherapy while her family relocated 700 km from Cochrane to support her. After discovering Hope Air, flights eased the long drives, financial strain, and stress. Now home and attending follow-ups, Diamond's family calls Hope Air a lifeline through their cancer journey.



Funding Impact

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Your support in 2025 made a profound difference to Hope Air patients reaching their medical appointments far from home.

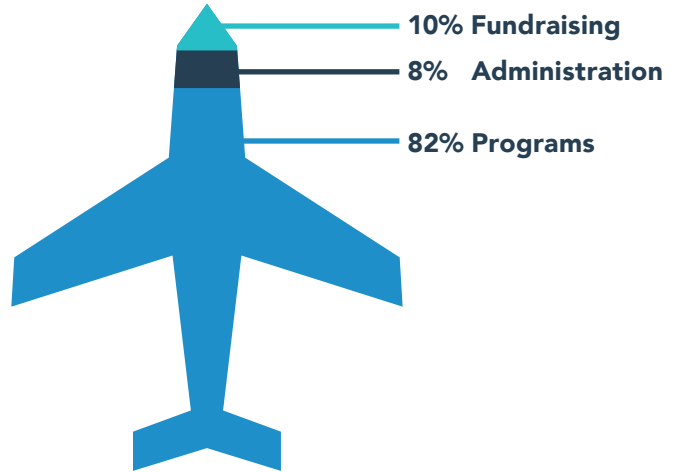
We're proud to share that 82 cents of every dollar you contributed last year was spent supporting patient travel.

Thank you to our 2025 supporters.

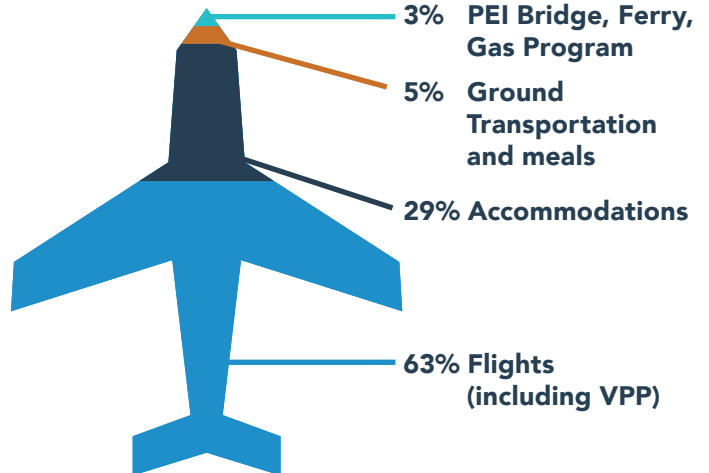
Hope Air programs are designed to maximize impact and efficiency. Through partnerships with airlines, airports, hotels and other providers we make sure that each dollar we receive goes as far as it can. Hope Air is proudly accredited by Imagine Canada, representing the highest level of governance and financial transparency in the charitable sector.

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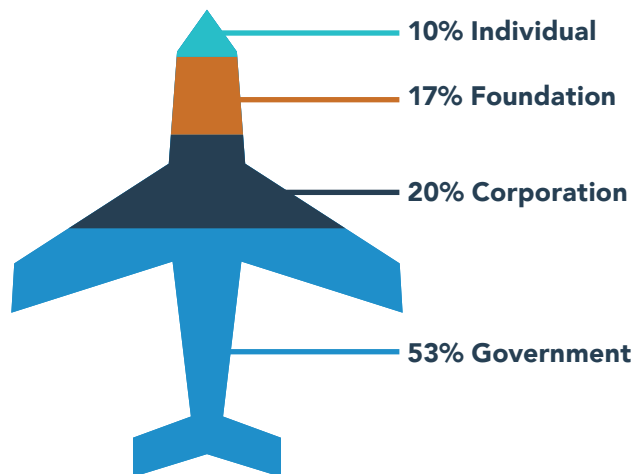
Expenses



Program Expenses



Revenue





HOPE AIR
From Home to Health since 1986

For 40 years, **Hope Air** has been the answer.
*Helping Canadians make the journey
from home to health.*

