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YMM Angel Flight Club

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WHO ARE WE?

The YMM Angel Flight Club was incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the Alberta Societies Act in early 2020 for the purpose of providing free, non-emergency air transportation to RMWB and nearby rural community residents needing to access healthcare services outside the Fort McMurray region. We have been working closely with Angel Flight Alberta to establish our organization and positioned ourselves to partner with Angel Flight Alberta for the long term. There are currently 8 individuals on our board, and their collective expertise and experience are well suited to the mission and outcomes the YMM Angel Flight Club has set out to achieve. Our current board members come with medical, aviation, nonprofit, industry, business, environmental, regulatory, and indigenous community representation backgrounds that all lend themselves extremely well to the YMM Angel Flight Club's mission and goals.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Our mission is to provide free, non-emergency air transportation to residents of the RMWB, and surrounding communities, in need of healthcare services outside our region. We will build on the angel flight model by providing a dedicated aircraft suitable to all angel flight missions, such that all our volunteer pilots have access to the same aircraft, thus helping to ensure that there is always at least one pilot and a dedicated aircraft available to carry out an angel flight mission when a request comes in. This model will allow us to fundraise for the aircraft and its operational costs, as well as ensure that the aircraft being used by all pilots for angel flight missions is being maintained to the highest standards. Our overarching mission is to help lift the burden and help individuals and families from northeastern Alberta access the vital healthcare services they need.



WHY THE YMM ANGEL FLIGHT CLUB?

Geographically, Fort McMurray is very isolated from larger medical centres like Edmonton or Calgary, and driving this distance takes significant time and resources. A trip south from Fort McMurray will often take multiple days, require hotels/lodging, and potentially even require time off from work. For others, a financial barrier may simply be enough to provide a serious road block from accessing the healthcare services they may truly need. The YMM Angel Flight Club will be able to convert a 10-hour round-trip drive to Edmonton into a 3-hour round-trip flight, which means in most cases an overnight stay would not be required for the patient. Some other benefits that the YMM Angel Flight Club will be able to offer to non-emergency patients include: reduced stress (no airport line-ups); the airplane waits for the patient (flight times are totally up to the patient's scheduling needs); parents taking a child to a specialist appointment can both travel without having to worry about driving (both can provide support to their child); individuals needing some assistance can bring a support person; a volunteer nurse/support person can be arranged; and communities like Fort Chipewyan that have their own runway can benefit from direct flights to and from Edmonton. The reality is, there is a need for this service in the RMWB, which we have verified with local physicians, the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre, Angel Flight Alberta, and the Wood Buffalo Primary Care Network. Our nonprofit model also allows us to fundraise for all operational costs for the most suitable airplane, and to attract volunteer pilots who don't have their own aircraft. In the era of COVID-19, airline options in and out of Fort McMurray have also been significantly reduced, further limiting transportation options for those that need to access healthcare services outside our region.

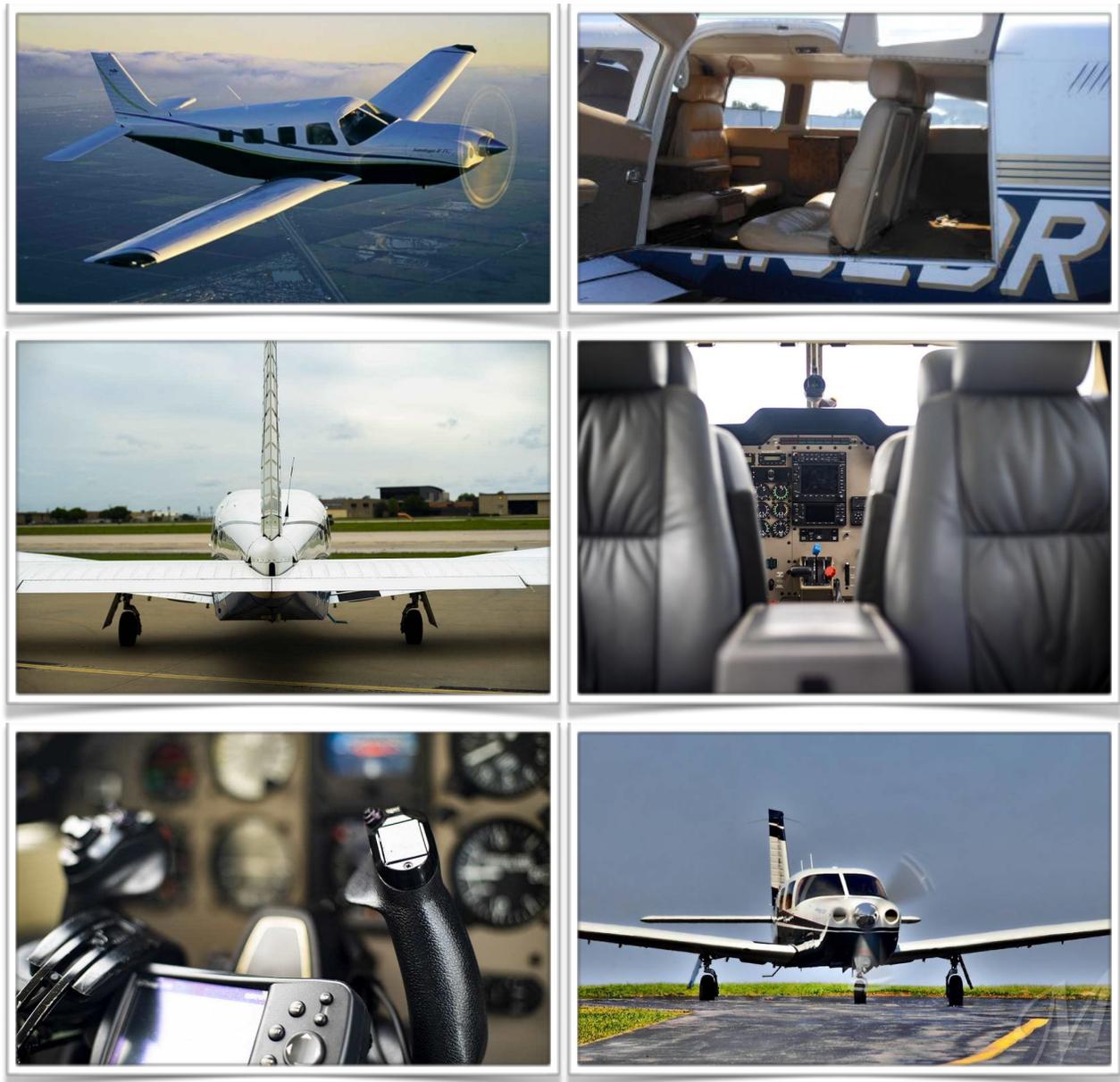
WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

We have a few key goals that are important to getting us off the ground so we can serve the community. These goals are:

- Create widespread awareness within the RMWB about our new organization through our website, Facebook, and online and radio ads.
- Fundraise at least \$20,000 by December 31, 2020 for Phase 1 (aircraft rental for angel flights);
- Fundraise \$400,000 by the end of 2021 for Phase 2 (aircraft purchase);
- Identify and apply for all available provincial and federal grants;
- Continue to build strong partnerships within the community and with local businesses to help us fundraise for our ongoing operational costs; and
- Continue to build our pool of volunteer pilots (currently we have 5).

WHAT IS OUR TARGET AIRCRAFT?

The fundraising that we are carrying out as part of our aircraft purchase goal for Phase 2 (“Give YMM Wings!”) is targeted at the purchase of a Piper Saratoga, which is a 6-seat aircraft that offers excellent speed, range, comfort, and safety. One of the very attractive features of the Piper Saratoga is the large aft cabin doors, which make entry and egress easy, even for those with mobility challenges. The club seating in the passenger area of the Saratoga offers a very comfortable space, making support during the flight by a family member, friend, or one of our volunteers, very convenient if needed.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

We are an entirely volunteer organization and the best way anyone can support the YMM Angel Flight Club currently is to provide a monetary donation. This will go to either Phase 1 (aircraft rental), or to Phase 2 (aircraft purchase), depending on the timing of a donation. Operating an aircraft is not an overly expensive endeavour compared to any other piece of machinery of a similar value, and the ongoing operational costs that we will continue to fundraise for include items like insurance, maintenance, fuel, and heated hangar storage. If you wish to support the YMM Angel Flight Club over the long-term, these are also important ongoing costs that we will be raising funds for, and any discounts or in-kind contributions in these areas are also extremely welcomed. If you represent a business and there is a way we can partner with you to fundraise with the support of your customers and employees, we would love to talk with you further!

Here are some easy ways you can help us:

1. Donate directly via our website: www.ymmangelflight.com
2. Contact us to discuss corporate/business donation opportunities and partnerships.
3. Support our Phase 2 fundraising campaign “Give YMM Wings” to help us purchase an airplane.
4. Notify of us of any grant opportunities you may be aware of that can support our operations.
5. Watch our website and Facebook page for needed volunteer positions within the organization.



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