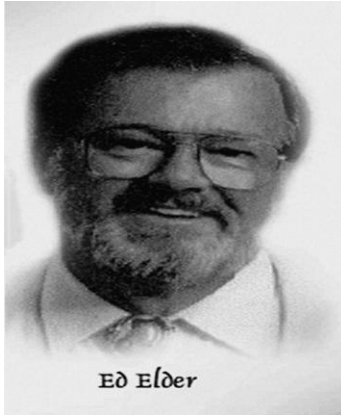




**FLIGHTS FOR LIFE, INC.**  
*Volunteer Mercy Pilots*  
*Phoenix, Arizona*

**VOLUNTEER MERCY PILOTS**

*A statement by the late Ed Elder, Flights for Life charter member*



The greater Phoenix area is the home of the most unique public service organization dedicated to all the people of Arizona. The name is Flights for Life, Inc. This team provides transportation by air for any legitimate, medically related need or purpose. This service is available to any medical agency, facility, health care or service organization, or individual for whom such air transportation is prescribed or deemed to be beneficial.

The Phoenix flight team is prepared to provide air transportation in support of donor organ programs, blood banks, eye banks, tissue sample transfer, research programs, pathological and evidential sample transfers, equipment and support personnel. Individuals requiring therapy away from home are screened carefully.

The Phoenix team works hand-in-hand with other teams nationally, transporting persons requiring treatment or surgery for kidney disease, heart disease, Alzheimer's Disease, Hodgkin's Disease, neuroblastoma, eye cancer and various other cancers, and muscular dystrophy. In addition, the team has undertaken flights for cornea and other organ and blood transfers. In 1989, the Phoenix team flew 196 missions, including 12 unscheduled flights, and transported 7,500 units of blood for Arizona Blood Services (now United Blood Service, or UBS).

The pilots on this team are all very highly motivated volunteers. Each is carefully screened. Each is fully certified by the Federal Aviation Administration, and is additionally required to abide by our organization's own, stringent safety oriented guidelines. Each has a strong dedication to provide needed community service. Additionally, the aircraft operated by the team members are maintained to the strictest standards.

A wide variety of pilots make up our team. We have computer engineers, retired airline and Air Force pilots, accountants, business owners, etc. The list is long, but the pilots on it have one thing in common — a strong desire to help others.

The flight team is not an air ambulance service, nor is it in competition with such services or operations. Nevertheless, the unique skill and competence of our pilots and aircraft allow the team's quick response capabilities to be utilized when warranted by events and/or circumstances. Due to the qualifications of our pilots and the capabilities of the aircraft at their disposal, Flights for Life possesses the flexibility to operate from the smallest and most remote landing strips to the largest and most sophisticated airports. Due to the very nature of General Aviation, the procedures for transfer of containers and/or persons is simple and direct. There are no hassles with airport terminals, no waiting in long lines, no delays due to regular flight operations.

It should be mentioned - indeed, emphasized, that there are NO charges for any service, nor for flights provided by the team. Absolutely no charges or fees are levied! We never bill anyone! We are a registered non-profit corporation governed by Chapter 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To offset some of the expenses of providing these services, Flights for Life does seek donations and has various fund-raising events each year.

With or without contributions, our team is proud of the service we provide and will continue to meet our obligation to the community. We want and need YOUR support. Help us to help others provide a service that touches every citizen of Arizona in some way!