



FLIGHTS FOR LIFE, INC.

Volunteer Mercy Pilots

Phoenix, Arizona

VOLUNTEER PILOTS AID IN SAVING LIVES

In January 1984, several pilots in the Phoenix area, along with the National Executive Director of the American Medical Support Flight Team (AMSFT), formed a new AMSFT Chapter in Phoenix. The purpose of this chapter was to eliminate two very serious health care problems which had plagued the Southwest for many years:

The first problem addressed was the shipment of blood and blood products to small and/or remote medical facilities throughout the area serviced by Arizona Blood Services (ABS) [now United Blood Services (UBS)]. The obvious solution to this problem was the light airplane. A small airplane is capable of taking off and landing at smaller airports located near those communities. In addition, these airplanes move quickly over Arizona's varied terrain.

The second problem addressed was that of blood shortages. Early receipt by the laboratory of freshly-drawn blood for processing allows for the optimum use of the most blood components.

FLIGHTS FOR LIFE, INC. missions are flown by volunteer pilots. These missions are flown, and the services of the pilots and aircraft are provided, at no cost to the beneficiary; they are done solely to enhance the good and welfare of the community.

No compensation, remuneration, or profit is anticipated or received by pilots of FLIGHTS FOR LIFE, INC.

Some of the cities and towns where United Blood Services conducts blood drives are listed below. Note that these are not necessarily the airports to which the pilots would deliver the blood for pickup:

Camp Verde	Holbrook	Payson	Show Low	Williams
Cottonwood	Imperial, CA	Prescott	Springerville	Yuma
Flagstaff	Kearny	St. Johns	Tuba City	
Grand Canyon	Kingman	San Carlos/ Globe	White River	
Heber	Page	Sedona	Wickenburg	

Meetings of FLIGHTS FOR LIFE, INC. are held on the first Wednesday of each month at United Blood Services (UBS) Scottsdale in the conference room, starting at 7:00 PM.