



MIRACLE FLIGHTS
THE CURE FOR DISTANCE

IMPACT REPORT

MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

MAKENNA
SOARÉE 2024 CHILD AMBASSADOR





MARK E. BROWN
CEO
MIRACLE FLIGHTS

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible impact Miracle Flights made throughout 2023 and 2024. This period has been marked by significant milestones and heartwarming successes that underline our unwavering commitment to helping families in need.

Miracle Flights takes pride in being the **first national nonprofit headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada**. This unique positioning allows us to bring together a diverse and passionate community dedicated to making a difference. Every plane ride we facilitate and every partnership we cultivate is driven by a deep-seated commitment to our mission of providing free medical flights to children in need.

At a time when the costs of living and travel are continually rising, strategic partnerships like **Blacklane** and **WHSmith North America** allow us to alleviate the financial burdens that weigh heavily on the families we serve. Our goal is to ensure that every family can access life-saving medical treatments without the added stress of travel expenses.

In 2023, we proudly celebrated **1,500 chauffeured car rides** with our committed ground transportation partner, **Blacklane**, and celebrated with six-year-old Harris and her family at Los Angeles International Airport. We also worked closely with our airport retail partner, **WHSmith North America**, to bring the “**Miles**” plush bear to their expanded portfolio of stores across the country.

Our 2nd annual **SOARée** was a remarkable highlight, where we had the distinct honor of recognizing Mary Beth Sewald, President and CEO of the Vegas Chamber as the Navigator Honoree and nine-year-old Makenna as the Child Ambassador. **SOARée** became our largest fundraiser to date, raising \$358,000 and welcoming 450 guests.

As we move forward, I am inspired by the resilience and generosity of our supporters, partners, and the families we serve. Together, we are making a profound impact, one flight at a time. Thank you for your continued dedication and belief in the power of Miracle Flights.

Sincerely,
Mark E. Brown
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Miracle Flights Community,

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to share our impact report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Our dedicated team has worked hard to expand our reach and impact, solidifying our position as the **leading national nonprofit** driving access to life-saving medical care.

One of the highlights of our year has been the growing partnerships with Southwest Airlines, Harry Reid International Airport, Blacklane, The Parking Spot, and WHSmith North America. These collaborations have increased our capacity to assist families **locally and nationwide**, ensuring that no distance is too great for a child to receive the critical medical care they deserve.

Our efforts have also brought us face-to-face with the families we serve, particularly during our **National Fly-Ins**, where we had the privilege of meeting and supporting families from across the country. These fly-ins have been a poignant reminder of the **direct impact of our mission**, as we listened to their stories of hope and perseverance. Additionally, we were honored to have Cowboys QB **Cooper Rush** support Miracle Flights during the NFL's "My Cause My Cleats" annual initiative. Rush proudly wore cleats with Miracle Flights branding during a November 2023 game against the Seattle Seahawks. Rush's support amplified our purpose and brought greater visibility to our mission.

As we celebrate the achievements of the past year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our partners, supporters, and dedicated team members whose unwavering commitment has been instrumental in driving our success. Together, we look forward to continuing our mission with renewed vigor and making an even greater difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Khorsandi
Chairman of the Board



DR. CHRISTOPHER KHORSANDI, JESSICA CONNELL, & JOEL JARVIS
MIRACLE FLIGHTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT SOARÉE 2024

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



TOP 10 TREATMENT SITES

Boston Children's Hospital	BOSTON, MA
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	PHILADELPHIA, PA
City of Hope	LOS ANGELES, CA
Food Allergy Institute	LONG BEACH, CA
Mayo Clinic	ROCHESTER, MN
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	NEW YORK, NY
Nationwide Children's Hospital	COLUMBUS, OH
Nemours Children's Hospital	WILMINGTON, DE
Paley Orthopedic & Spine Institute	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	HOUSTON, TX

TOP TEN FLIGHT REQUESTS

1. Food Allergies
2. Clubfoot
3. Retinoblastoma
4. Arthrogryposis (joint condition)
5. Heart Defects
6. Epilepsy
7. Cerebral Palsy
8. Lung Disease
9. Hirschsprung's Disease (colon condition)
10. Scoliosis

REFERRAL SOURCES

- Another Nonprofit
- Another Miracle Flights Family
- Internet Search
- Local Physician
- Social Media
- Social Worker
- Treatment Site Physician

MIRACLE FLIERS BY AGE



7,645

FLIGHTS FLOWN
MAY 1, 2023 -
APRIL 30, 2024



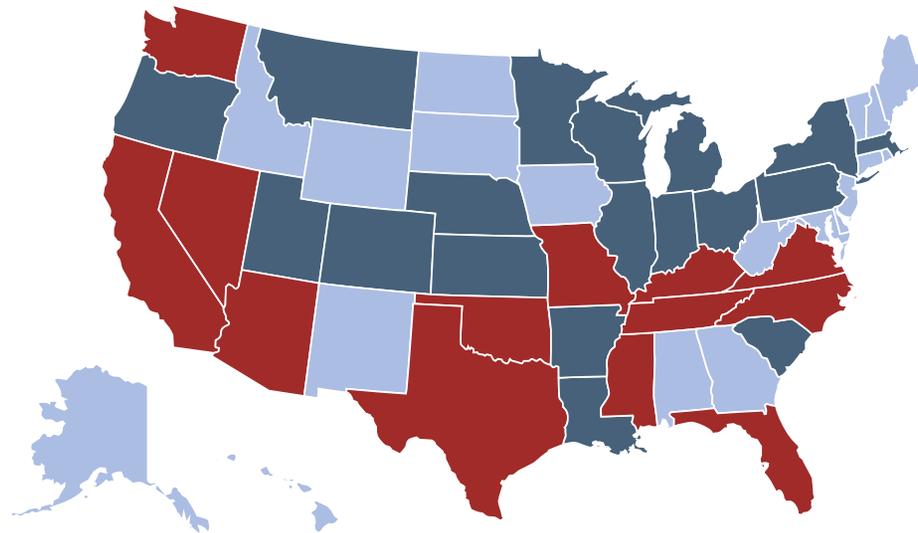
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FLIGHTS PER MONTH



98,292,540

MILES FLOWN SINCE 1985



NUMBER OF MIRACLE FLIGHTS DEPARTING FROM EACH STATE

0-99 FLIGHTS

100-199 FLIGHTS

200+ FLIGHTS



BATTLE BORN

“Las Vegas is the home of **MIRACLE FLIGHTS**, and as Governor of the State of Nevada, I’m very proud to say it’s based in our state.”

JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CHRISTOPHER KHORSANDI, MD is Chairman of the Board of Directors. A member of the American Board of Plastic Surgeons with practices in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, Dr. Khorsandi received his medical education at Villanova University and Temple University School of Medicine. He then received training at the University of Pennsylvania General Surgery program, with the opportunity to work at the country's first hospital, Pennsylvania Hospital. He also received training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, followed by acceptance into Cleveland Clinic's Plastic and Reconstructive Training Program. His expertise expands from plastic surgery to minimally invasive hand surgery and the emerging new field of migraine relief surgery. Dr. Khorsandi is a three-time recipient of the national Patient's Choice Award for his skills and a two-time recipient of the national Compassionate Doctor Award.



JESSICA CONNELL is the executive director at Connell Outdoor Advertising, where she manages billboard operations and philanthropic initiatives in Nevada and New Jersey. Born and raised in Las Vegas, she is a graduate of Durango High School and Leadership Las Vegas. Her previous work in the community includes her tenure as co-chair for Young Professionals Against Cancer with the American Cancer Society. Jessica held management roles at 60Frames Entertainment and fox21 Studio, where she produced original content for digital and TV platforms. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance and international business from Loyola Marymount University and recently graduated from the executive program at the John Anderson Graduate School of Management. She enjoys time with family, travel, yoga, beach volleyball and tennis.



JOEL G. JARVIS is an agent/producer/marketing specialist at Kaercher Insurance Brokerage, serving clients in various industries including legal, nonprofit, transportation, hospitality, municipalities and construction. Previously, Joel worked for Las Vegas Sands, Perlman Architecture, Capitol Pacific Homes, Accountants Inc. and Horace Mann Insurance Companies. Joel has served Opportunity Village, Aid for Aids of Nevada (AFAN), Jewish Family Service Agency and United Way of Southern Nevada. He is involved in the Clark County Bar Association and was recognized as Ambassador of the Year in 2004. A Liberty Bell Award winner, Joel insures 250 attorneys in Las Vegas, where he has lived since 1993, and 60 nonprofit organizations. He holds bachelor degrees in accounting and finance as well as a law degree from Illinois State University.

MIRACLE FLIGHTS STAFF

MARK E. BROWN

Chief Executive Officer

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Vice President of Operations

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Vice President of Marketing & Communications

VANESSA MORENO

Director of Operations

REBECCA BOYCE

Director of Flight Operations

KATHY ROLLER

Director of Events

CASSANDRA CASTANINO

Events Coordinator

JESSICA CARDENAS

Flight Specialist

ANITA CARPENTER

Resource Development Manager

NICOLE PADBERG MUNKDALE

Graphic Designer

DONA KRYSTOSEK, RN

Family Advocate

TERRA SADLER

Administrative Assistant



Miracle Flights is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides free flights to those in need of life-changing medical care not found in their local communities.



CEO MARK BROWN: 2023 BRONZE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD
THE STARS OF NEVADA GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

JAGS AND JETS



JUNE 15, 2023

JAGUAR LAND ROVER LAS VEGAS

Miracle Flights and Red Rock City Magazine hosted Jags & Jets, an after-hours social and fundraising event, at Jaguar Land Rover Las Vegas.

The 2nd annual event featured small bites and cocktails by Via Brasil Steakhouse, a painting party from Brush It Up: Mobile Paint Parties, luxury automobiles from Jaguar Land Rover Las Vegas, a silent auction, and more! Vegas Golden Knights National Anthem singer Carnell “The Golden Pipes” Johnson was the featured entertainment.

In addition, a representative from WHSmith North America presented a check for \$31,000 to Miracle Flights – the largest quarterly donation from the country’s leading specialty retailer in the airport and casino-resort marketplace, to date.





**\$12,400
RAISED**

200 ATTENDEES





CURTIS EDENFIELD
CEO, THRIVE AVIATION

SOARée

Miracle Flights

APRIL 12, 2024 • THRIVE AVIATION

\$358,000
RAISED

450 GUESTS

TAKE OFF SPONSORS:
THRIVE AVIATION
SKYHOP GLOBAL

Miracle Flights 2nd annual SOARée was a night of Hollywood Glamour to remember!

Held at the jaw-dropping private aviation hangar located at Thrive Aviation just off the Las Vegas Strip, 450 guests enjoyed custom cocktails, tantalizing small bites, and exciting entertainment from Star Time. At the end of the evening, six lucky couples flew on two private jets for a luxury weekend in Beverly Hills.

We raised \$358,000! With the funds raised, Miracle Flights provided 716 flights for children and their families to reach critical life-changing medical care... far from home.





“The fascination of flying helps sick children forget about their illness, and forget about their sickness. Being able to fly truly is a freedom. That’s one of the reasons I’m so personally passionate about **MIRACLE FLIGHTS** and their mission.”

MARY BETH SEWALD
Chief Executive Officer & President
Vegas Chamber
SOARÉE 2024 NAVIGATOR HONOREE



MAKENNA & MARY BETH SEWALD
2024 SOARÉE CHILD AMBASSADOR & NAVIGATOR HONOREE



LIGHTS FOR FLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023
DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN

The holiday season twinkled brighter than ever during the 3rd annual Lights for Flights at Downtown Summerlin! The popular photo opportunity featured the oversized words of LOVE, JOY, HOPE, PEACE, SOAR, MIRACLE, I LOVE YOU, and brand new in 2023: I ♥ YOU!



AMANDA J.

Miracle Flier

Las Vegas ✈ Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford (CA)
Epilepsy



#TEDDYBEARLOVE

INTERACTIVE PHOTO EXPERIENCE AT HARRY REID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

In celebration of NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY on September 9, Miracle Flights partnered with Harry Reid International Airport, the 12th busiest airport in the world, to launch #TeddyBearLove; a ten-foot-tall indoor selfie experience located in Terminal 1, across from the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas gift shop. #TeddyBearLove was the first-of-its-kind interactive photo experience at Harry Reid International Airport.

“The leadership team at Harry Reid International Airport is one of the most innovative and collaborative in the industry. This first-of-its-kind installation creates a unique and interactive airport experience and introduced our mission to millions of monthly passengers.”

- Mark E. Brown, CEO of Miracle Flights



“MIRACLE FLIGHTS

is great for this community
and adds to the Las Vegas
brand.”

STEVE HILL

Chief Executive Officer & President
Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority
(LVCVA)



NATIONAL FLIGHT PARTNERS

Southwest

WHSmith
NORTH AMERICA
INCORPORATING IMMOTION & MARSHALL RETAIL GROUP

BLACKLANE

SKYHOP GLOBAL 

AMGEN

theParkingSpot

REGIONAL FLIGHT PARTNERS

**FINDLAY AUTOMOTIVE
GROUP**

**HARRY REID
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**THRIVE
AVIATION**

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL (\$20,000 AND UP)

CHRISTIANSEN LAW OFFICES

FRESH WATA

HAGAR FAMILY FOUNDATION

DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN

FREQUENCY PICTURES

MULTIPURE

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MIRACLE MAKERS (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

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VIRGIN HOTELS LAS VEGAS
THE WAWA FOUNDATION, INC.
WHITEHEAD PLUMBING
YIP FITNESS

Miracle Flier

Waylon

“We will need to fly back to Boston a second time and be there for 4 to 6 weeks. Miracle Flights and their partner Blacklane sure make life survivable in our time of need. My Waylon is 12 and can use all the prayers he can get! Thank you to all that donate to make it possible to get to where you need to go for treatment. God bless you all!”

- Carolyn, Waylon's mom

Taylorsville, KY ✈ Boston Children's Hospital (MA)
Midaortic Syndrome, Bilateral Renal Artery Stenosis,
Aortic Stenosis



WHSmith

NORTH AMERICA
INCORPORATING INMOTION & MARSHALL RETAIL GROUP

NATIONAL FLIGHT PARTNER

WHSmith North America is the country's leading specialty retailer in the airport and casino-resort marketplace and sells the "Miles" plush bear in 58 of their airport locations.

"We are able to fly so many children and their families to receive life-changing medical care thanks, in part, to our partners at WHSmith North America."

- Mark E. Brown, CEO of Miracle Flights



\$225,000 RAISED

25,679 BEARS SOLD
58 PARTICIPATING
STORES ACROSS THE U.S.

theParking



theParkingSpot

NATIONAL FLIGHT PARTNER

The Parking Spot provides complimentary parking spaces at airports across the United States, providing a convenient parking option for Miracle Flights families.

EMERY

 *Miracle Flier*

Florida ✈️ Nationwide Children's Hospital (OH)
Chronic Kidney Disease & Kidney Transplant



BLACKLANE

NATIONAL FLIGHT PARTNER

451 RIDES

MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

On September 4, 2023, BLACKLANE, the leading global chauffeur service, celebrated their 1,500th completed ride with Miracle Flights.

To celebrate this significant milestone, Co-Founder and CEO of Blacklane, Jens Wohltorf and CEO of Miracle Flights Mark E. Brown surprised 6-year-old Harris and her family at LAX with a VIP trip to Disneyland for her and her family.

HARRIS ✈️ *Miracle Flier*

Indiana ✈️ Allegery Institute Long Beach (CA)
Anaphylactic Food Allergies





VOLUNTEERS

77 VOLUNTEERS

332 VOLUNTEER HOURS

TOP VOLUNTEER GROUPS:

- NV Energy
- Silverliners

Association for Pre-Health Professionals at UNLV

TOP INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER:

Sherry Catchpole • 37 hours

NATIONAL FLY-INS

In 2023, Miracle Flights staff visited 20+ families and two foundations in Reno, NV; Nashville, TN; and San Diego, CA.





Makenna

“When we first found out about Makenna’s diagnosis, a little bit of denial was the first feeling. Thanks to **MIRACLE FLIGHTS**, we didn’t have to make a choice between getting the best medical care for our daughter and our finances.”

- **Samantha, Makenna’s Mom**

Las Vegas ✈️ Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (NY)
Neuroblastoma





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