

Angel Flight CENTRAL Ground Support Team (GST)

To our Angel Flight Central Ground Support Team,

Our passenger was the young woman pictured next to Sandy in the photo below. She was traveling to Nashville to meet with doctors about her colon cancer. Diagnosed at just 21, she has already undergone colon and liver reconstruction, a hysterectomy, chemotherapy, and radiation, as the cancer had spread beyond her colon by the time it was discovered. I asked how they caught it so early since colonoscopies aren't typically recommended until age 50. She said she had a great doctor who truly listened to her symptoms and ordered the test—but unfortunately, it had already spread when they found it. She is now participating in an experimental study in Nashville in hopes of treating the remaining cancer in her lungs and liver. Despite everything she has been through, her outlook and attitude are absolutely remarkable. She was a wonderful passenger, even as her mom—who had never flown in a small aircraft before—was a bit nervous. This was their very first Angel Flight.

This was our 201st mission as part of Angel Flight Central, September 9th, 2025.



Our passenger wrote the following in our guest logbook:

"Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. Plus you offered to fly us on a Chiefs day too! We so appreciate you taking us to my appointment and making my life a little easier."

Trip Details:

We planned today's trip to take place after church, departing KOJC at 1:00 PM. The mission was set up as two legs: Kansas City to Nashville, with a planned hand-off in St. Louis. To make the second leg pilot's day a little easier, we met him at his home airport about 20 minutes farther east, between St. Louis and Nashville. That made his leg a bit shorter, and he didn't have to fly west just for the hand-off.

With summer turning to fall, the weather has been seasonally calm — and today was no exception. Temperatures were in the mid-80s, with virtually no wind and clear skies along our route. We cruised at FL230 above a few scattered clouds, enjoying a smooth, turbulence-free ride.

Approaching KMVN (Mount Vernon, IL), we found a couple of planes in the pattern, so we slowed to allow one to turn base-to-final ahead of us. He performed a touch-and-go, and then we lined up for a smooth landing on Runway 5 with light and variable winds. As we taxied onto the FBO ramp, the second-leg pilot was waiting for us — and even marshaled us into the parking spot next to his airplane. The luggage transfer was quick and convenient.

After grabbing a snack and a quick stop inside, Sandy and I loaded up for the one-hour, fifteen-minute flight home. We had enough fuel for the return, so after a short stopover, we were back in the air, this time cruising at FL240. The flight home was just as smooth as the outbound leg.

We arrived home about an hour after the Chiefs game had started, but since we'd recorded it, we were able to watch it while skipping commercials. If only they had won — but all in all, it was a perfect day of flying!

And here is where you come in. As part of our Ground Support Team, you have offered to provide a contribution to the Angel Flight Central organization each time we fly a mission. To donate to Angel Flight Central on the Internet, visit the following site:

<https://angelflightcentral.org/donate/>

Or you can send a check, payable to Angel Flight Central, to the following address:

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Thank you so much for being a part of our Ground Support Team.

Sincerely, Joe & Sandy