

Angel Flight CENTRAL Ground Support Team (*GST*)

To our Angel Flight Central Ground Support Team,

The gentleman we took on our flight has been battling a rare form of cancer for the past 10 years. He is now in a clinical trial in Colorado which he says is his last hope and wouldn't be possible without Angel Flight as he has to go every three weeks. He's exhausted his efforts and as been seen by MD Anderson, Mayo in Minnesota, Barnes Jewish in St. Louis, St. Lukes as well as KU in Kansas City. He's been through the wringer but is still incredibly grateful for the services we provide to help him continue to fight!



This was Angel Flight mission number 204, January 30th, 2026.

Our passenger wrote the following in our guest logbook:

"Wow! I've been counting on Angel flight every 3 weeks for 5 or 6 months, taking me KC → Denver for a clinical trial that might be my last chance on a long fight with a rare cancer. Every flight and every pilot different — but all WONDERFUL! This is the biggest and nicest plane and love these pilots! Thank you!!"

Trip Details:

Winter made its presence known on this mission, with very cold temperatures on the ramp at KOJC. Thankfully, we were able to do our preflight and load our passenger inside a hangar, which made the start of the day much more comfortable for everyone—and was greatly appreciated by both the passenger *and* the pilots.

We had hoped to depart around 8:30 a.m., but our passenger got a little turned around trying to find the airport, so we ultimately departed closer to 8:45 a.m. Once airborne, we headed west toward Colby and leveled off at FL200. Winds aloft were strong from the west at every altitude we checked, so there was no escaping the headwinds on this leg. As a result, the outbound flight took about 90 minutes.

Skies were clear for most of the flight, with only a short stretch of layered clouds about ten minutes before arriving in Colby. As we approached KCBK, the connecting pilot was already on final for Runway 35, and we followed him in, landing just moments later. We all met up on the ramp and headed inside to warm up, use the facilities, and stretch our legs before continuing on—always a welcome break on a cold winter morning.

Before departing Colby, I decided to take on a full load of fuel, taking advantage of prices that were noticeably lower than back home. We were back in the air by 10:30 a.m., this time heading east toward KOJC. The return leg was flown at FL230, and ATC cleared us for the JHAWK8 arrival, with a crossing restriction of 6,000 feet at JHAWK.

Surface winds were still out of the north on arrival back in Kansas City, so we landed on Runway 36. Skies remained clear for the return flight, and we were back home late morning after a smooth and efficient winter mission—proof that even cold days and stiff headwinds can still make for a pretty great 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 online, visit:

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

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

Sincerely,
Joe & Sandy