

Angel Flight CENTRAL Ground Support Team (*GST*)

To our Angel Flight Central Ground Support Team,

Our passenger today was coming home from the Mayo where he's been having testing done to determine what procedures are needed to deal with multiple health issues. The main health issue is a GI issue stemming from a procedure that was done 10-15 years ago. He is also working through foramen magnum meningioma, which is a rare, typically slow-growing tumor that forms at the base of the skull. He is scheduled to return to Mayo in March for surgery. He was a delight to talk to and was really appreciative of the flight that we provided and when Sandy informed him that "in-flight" service was non-existent, he very happily showed her that he already had that covered. lol

This was Angel Flight mission number 205, February 20th, 2026.



Our passenger wrote the following in our guest logbook:

"Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and fine spirit. It was a pleasure to meet you."

Trip Details:

We arrived at the airport shortly after lunch, around 12:20 p.m., with temperatures in the low 30s and clear skies overhead — a crisp winter afternoon that looked ideal for flying.

After picking up our clearance, we were vectored through the Kansas City airspace and then cleared direct to Rochester at FL250. The trip north turned out to be especially quick thanks to strong tailwinds approaching 50 knots, making for an unusually short flight of only about 80 minutes.

As we began our descent into KRST, we encountered a solid cloud deck and picked up a light trace of ice while descending through the moisture. The ceiling was holding at about 1,200 feet, so we were cleared for and flew the ILS approach to Runway 31. The approach was stable and uneventful, and the landing was nice and smooth.

Although the runway was recently cleared from snow earlier in the week, it was still cold and windy on the ground, with temperatures in the 20s and strong northerly winds. Our passenger was waiting comfortably inside the FBO when we arrived. After talking with him for a few minutes to discuss the flight home, we took a few photos together and then headed out to the plane for the return leg.

Once loaded, we departed Rochester and began the trip back to KOJC. To avoid stronger headwinds at higher altitudes, we climbed to 16,000 feet and were cleared for the BQS8 arrival into Kansas City. The return flight took about 90 minutes and was smooth throughout.

Winds at KOJC were light and variable on arrival. The traffic pattern was using Runway 36, but since we were approaching from the north, we asked ATC if we could land on Runway 18, which they approved. With clear skies and excellent visibility, we flew a visual approach to Runway 18 and enjoyed another smooth landing.

After taxiing in, we helped our passenger gather belongings, said our goodbyes, and wrapped up another successful winter mission.

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

Sincerely,
Joe & Sandy