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Pilot volunteers to fly patients to Shriner's Hospital

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It is all about helping the kids, Bob Morgan said.

Forty years ago Morgan had a young nephew who was born with orthopedic deformities.

After seeing the progress his nephew made after being treated at the Shriner's Hospital, Morgan knew he wanted to help.

I said if they could fix him then I wanted to be a part of it, he said.

Soon he became a Mason and was invited to join the Capital Shrine Club.

I knew I wanted to do something to help the hospital and one way to help the hospital is to be a Shriner, he said.

His passion for flight came in 1969, when Morgan knew he wanted to become a military pilot. He even obtained his private license to help open the window for admittance another five years.

Although Morgan never was admitted to the flight school, he maintained his private license. After retiring from the Missouri National Guard as chief of staff, Morgan decided he wanted to give back.

I just wanted to do something to give back, he said.

Morgan has logged more than 3,000 hours flying with 2,400 of those on his Mooney single-engine, high-performance plane, which he uses for all his flights.

Morgan transports children through the Shriner's and transports both children and adults through Angel Flight Central and as a Life Line Pilot.



Bob Morgan poses with two of his clients. (Photo courtesy of Bob Morgan)

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