

## The High Hopes Vision: *To positively inspire, motivate, and create change through the aviation experience*

High Hopes for Colorado includes High Hopes for Wounded Warriors and High Hopes for Teens

### Wounded Warriors:

- No cost flights over Colorado Springs area to Wounded Warriors and their family members, such as Royal Gorge and Garden of the Gods
  - A moment to “get away from it all”
  - “An adrenal rush like flying helps me relax...”
- Ft Carson, Butts AAF and Warrior Transition Unit approval in Oct 2008
- Over 160 soldiers and family have flown in 2011 (Over 275 since 2008)
  - Positive change seen of soldiers with PTSD after one flight
  - Families talk of the flights as a great way for soldiers to re-connect
- Primary aircraft is Peak Aviation Center Cessna 182RG
- Pilots donate their time
- No Army funds are provided for these flights
- Peak Aviation Center has also outfitted one airplane with hand controls for soldiers and veterans without use of their legs to fly



### High Hopes for Teens:

- A positive and transformational aviation opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youth
- Open Houses are held on the Colorado Springs airport to provide high level look at aviation opportunities
  - Over 200 youth have attended since 2009
- Aviation Orientation programs follow the Open Houses with a smaller group
  - Tours of the AF Academy, the Colorado Springs airport terminal, the COS Air Traffic Control facilities and other airport locations.
  - Last session includes the students' first flights
- Five qualified youth have turned in their applications, signed a contract and have begun their private pilot training
  - **Andre Young** soloed in June 2011, preparing for AFA
  - **Leah Ledbetter** soloed in July 2011, preparing for AFA
- Students fly Peak Aviation Center Cessna 172 and Flight Design CT trainers
  - Several flight instructors have donated their time.

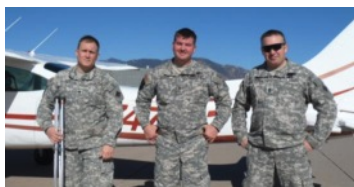


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- The annual Festival of Lights/High Hopes for Colorado golf tournament is a major fund raiser for High Hopes' programs. Wounded Warriors are sponsored to play as part of the foursomes.



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