

Hope Air is Canada's only national charity providing Canadians in financial need with free travel to medical care far from home, regardless of age or medical need. For people living on a low income in small and rural communities, distance and cost are very real barriers to accessing vital medical care. Hope Air is a unique and essential part of our Canadian healthcare system. Without the access Hope Air provides, our national system of universal healthcare coverage would fall short of its promise.

Hope Air and Airbnb have recently collaborated to allow patients or their guardians who are applying to Hope Air for travel to a medical appointment to also apply for up to 7 days' free accommodation for their trip through the Airbnb Open Homes program.

Hope Air was chosen by *Moneysense* magazine as one of Canada's top-rated charities for 2019 and has a four-out-of-four star rating from Charity Intelligence.

### Our Vision

That everyone in Canada has access to the healthcare they need, despite distance or cost of travel

### Our Mission

To provide Canadians in financial need with free travel to medical care far from home

### Our Impact

Hope Air helps make Canada's universal health care accessible by bridging the distance between home and hospital, patient and physician. Currently, Hope Air provides approximately 12,000 free travel arrangements annually to patients in need, and since being founded in 1986 has provided over 142,000 such arrangements. Patients or their guardians consistently report to Hope Air, year after year, that if Hope Air had not been able to assist them, about 30% would have either cancelled or postponed their medical appointments, about another 15% would have incurred debt to finance their healthcare travel needs, and about a further 20% would have driven or taken a bus for anywhere from 8 to over 12 hours to get to their medical appointments.

For more information visit [www.hopeair.ca](http://www.hopeair.ca).

The Board of Directors of Hope Air has initiated, through its Governance and Nominating Committee, a search for up to three individuals to join the Board who have experience and expertise in the following key areas:

- Digital Media, including its use in communications, marketing, branding and data analytics;
- Healthcare, in relation to Hope Air's relationships with the medical profession and their patients, and the federal and provincial governments across Canada, and how Hope Air portrays itself to and with these stakeholders; and
- Travel Industry, including in regard to online booking platforms and analytics.



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If you are interested in learning more about a directorship role with Hope Air, please contact any one of the following:

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Gerd Wengler, Vice Chair of Hope Air, at [gwengler@parkprop.com](mailto:gwengler@parkprop.com); or

Alec Zimmerman, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, at [haleczimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:haleczimmerman@gmail.com).

If you wish to be considered for appointment or election as a director of Hope Air, please submit your résumé to Alec Zimmerman, at the above email address, by Friday, September 27, 2019. Thereafter, the members of the Governance and Nominating Committee will commence an evaluation and interview process with a view to making its recommendations to the Board of Directors by year end and the tabling of a slate of nominees for election by the members of Hope Air at the Annual General Meeting of Members to be held on April 14, 2020.

Thank you for your interest in Hope Air and its vital work.