

Joy of Service

Altruism thrives in Indy through a variety of service organizations.

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Transcript

[K. Taylor] My husband was in the military as well, and he and I have both always made an effort to figure out how to serve beyond the military. One of my most favorite volunteer opportunities was when I lived in London and I worked for an organization called The Food Chain, that took meals to people afflicted with HIV/AIDS, and I would go into downtown London and we would take these meals to these people who were very sick and couldn't leave their homes. And it was a wonderful opportunity to not only serve but to meet extraordinary people in the community there in greater London. So yes, absolutely.

Another example would be I helped with the Special Olympics while living in Okinawa, and so--and of course while I was stateside, organizations like Habitat for Humanity and The Salvation Army have a special place in my heart.

There's an organization called Angel Flight--it's a national organization--that serves to help people who are in need of medical care that is far away from their homes, so it's non-emergency medical airlift, and the pilots volunteer their time, their airplanes, their money, to provide this transportation for these folks in need of transportation to medical facilities. It's a very, oftentimes, we'll take, for example, a little one, a child who is in need of treatment for leukemia, take them from one city to another so they can receive their medical care, and that transportation is provided free of charge. Insurance is great at covering medical care and that sort of thing, but when it comes to transportation, things get a little bit foggy so that's where Angel Flight comes in. Scotty and I have just loved making that a part of our lives, and it's a way to kind of merge our passion for slipping the surly bonds as well as serving our community.