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EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 1044 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based on Mogollon Airpark in Overgaard, Arizona.

For the past twenty years we have invested in our community by contributing over \$35,000 to various local organizations.

Two years ago, our Chapter set a goal to make a difference in local kid's lives and contribute to aviation. We began funding an Aviation Scholarship to send two deserving local youth to aviation summer camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The scholarship pays for the full tuition of the camp and round trip air fare, which amounts to about \$2,000 per scholarship. Our first two recipients attended EAA's Air Academy this past summer.

One of our long term goals is to be able to not only expose local kids to opportunities within the aviation industry, but to help provide them with a pathway to get there. Some of our members had careers in aviation in the military; others are commercial airplane pilots, air traffic controllers, electrical engineers, aircraft mechanics or worked for the FAA. Imagine the mentorship we can provide to these kids.

The benefits our first two recipients received from this week long camp are numerous. In addition to meeting like-minded youth from around the world, they attended workshops where they learned welding, woodworking, working with composites and more. This exposure opened their minds to new career opportunities. In fact, both are considering aviation careers – one a pilot and the other an aviation mechanic. They also had the opportunity to sit down with many colleges and universities to discuss their many courses geared towards aviation, engineering and aerospace.

The shortage of aviation minded young persons has begun to have a very deleterious effect on flying activities in the United States. Arizona is home to more than 1,200 aerospace and defense companies, including Raytheon, Honeywell, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics and more. This makes Arizona the third largest supply chain contributor for aerospace and defense. Additionally, with many of the Vietnam era commercial pilots retiring, it is estimated that there will be a critical shortage of airline pilots.

Our Chapter members work very hard to raise money to fund our scholarship. We participate in two community events selling hot dogs and baked goods. We have lots of fun and enjoy spending time with other members of the community. However, in order to continue to send two youth per year to camp, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for financial support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals just like you, we wouldn't be able to meet this goal.

You can donate online or by sending a check made payable to EAA Chapter 1044. With your help, we can meet this goal.

We appreciate your support.

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