



GAIL S. HALVORSEN AVIATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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Introduction

As 2022 has now come to a close, we bring you a report of our activities during this pivotal year. This year has brought highs and lows as we emerged from the disruptions caused by the pandemic of the previous two years. While saddened by the loss of our Candy Bomber, Gail Halvorsen, we yet remain passionate about preserving Gail's legacy and promoting his positive vision. We are excited for the many new supporters that have joined us. "Children hold the future of the world in their hands," Gail said, "Our children and everyone's children." We recommit at this juncture to serve children that their futures may be bright and hopeful.

Mission: Inspire children through STEM using the life principles of Gail S. Halvorsen- The Berlin Candy Bomber

Vision: Preserve the legacy of the Berlin Candy Bomber
Promote the principles of gratitude, service, excellence
Inspire children to reach their dreams
Foster community cohesion

Stewardship: We continue our commitment to transparency in our operations and how we use your gifts and donations. For the third year in a row, the Foundation has earned the Platinum Award from GuideStar. We completed successful financial audit conducted by Squire & Assoc.

Leadership: As a result of Gail's passing the Board of Directors was reorganized and expanded to allow for increased input from the community in oversight and guiding of our operations. This year, we organized a Board of Advisors (also known as the Flight Crew) who assist with operations and give insight on strategy as we move forward towards on our mission.

Board of Directors:

Dr. James Stewart, Executive Director
Lorene Moore, Director
Maj Gen Jeff Burton (ret), Director

Denise Halvorsen Williams, Director
Paul Jensen, Director/Treasurer
Blake Halvorsen, Director

Board of Advisors/Flight Crew:

Gen (ret) Paul Selva (Advisor to Exec. Director)
Brig Gen (ret) Dave Fountain (Development)
Col (ret) Mike Cassidy (Development)
Michael Dyck (Information Technology)
Todd Phillips (Financial Management)

Dan Vowles (Heritage Center Design)
Anna Munger (Education Programs)
Debbie Draper (Education Programs)
Ruth King (Education Programs)
Dan Eliason (Education Programs/Emeritus)

Foundation Activities in 2022

*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and think critically.
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”*

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Feb 2022: With Colonel Halvorsen’s passing on February 16th, the Foundation was significantly involved with assisting the Halvorsen Family in organizing many of the public-facing portions of Gail’s remembrance. Due to the national and international significance of the funeral, Foundation members wrote media releases, contacted dignitaries, organized volunteers, coordinated memorial aircraft overflights, and partnered with other organizations to make the event a thoughtful remembrance for a life of service.

May 2022: To honor Gail’s life, the Foundation partnered with Airlift/Tanker Association, Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation, Civil Air Patrol, and the US Air Force to organize the Candy Bomber Celebration of Life: Celebrate-Inspire-Challenge. With support of donors, we held a four-day event featuring school tours of historic aircraft, a naming ceremony of a USAF C-17 Globemaster aircraft as “The Spirit of the Candy Bomber”, a community open house featuring STEM-themed displays and activities plus a commemorative candy drop using the C-54 “Spirit of Freedom Aircraft II”. Friends, family, foundation members, donors and other honored guests gathered at the new Provo Airport Terminal for a gala dinner on Friday evening, May 20th to celebrate Gail's life and legacy. Gail's grandson and great-grand daughter shared messages and memories from people the world over whose lives have been impacted by Gail, including some of his Berlin Kids from the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift and military members. In all, we reached over 6,000 people during the event- 4,000 of which were children.



C-54 “Spirit of Freedom II” at Spanish Fork Airport
Courtesy of BYU Daily Universe

July 2022: Taking the STEM Fun Bus on its first official road trip, the Foundation participated in the City of Spanish Fork Fiesta Days Children's Parade. In addition to the bus, we had a STEM booth that hosted flight simulators and a paper airplane flying contest; another display showed how 3-D printers work for developing scale models of objects. Partnering with BYU Engineering Department and the Nebo Schools Advanced Learning Center we demonstrated how a flying scale C-54 airplane model (built by a BYU student team) coupled with a remote-control payload section (fabricated by ALC high school students) could drop candy on command. An estimated 6,000 children attended or participated in the parade.

During the "Days of 47" festivities in Salt Lake City, Gail was honored with a posthumous Legacy Award at the annual Awards Gala Banquet held on July 14, 2022.



Children and parents line up to tour the STEM Fun Bus at the Spanish Fork Airport

Sept 2022: On Labor Day, the STEM Fun Bus and Foundation Booth traveled to Payson, Utah for the Golden Onion Days Festival Car Show. We used the same event activities as we did in July at the Children's Parade. About 500 children attended with their parents.

Returning to Spanish Fork on September 24th, the Foundation had the STEM Fun Bus and our booth up front at the Wings and Wheels Open House at the Spanish Fork Airport. We had many flight simulators available for children, plus a paper airplane flight contest. Approximately 6,000 persons attended- 50% of which were children.

Oct 2022: Seven Foundation team members self-funded to attend the annual Airlift/Tanker Association conference in Denver Colorado. The display booth area was donated by A/TA, and we again partnered with Civil Air Patrol. Our focus was on the Candy

Bomber legacy, and how the Halvorsen Foundation and CAP collaborate on increasing STEM enthusiasm among children. We were able to meet with aerospace industry and U.S. Air Force leaders to share our mission and goals for promoting STEM and preserving the legacy of the Candy Bomber to develop new support partnerships for the future. During the conference Board of Director member Denise Williams, her daughter/author Rachel Spencer, and 94-year-old Ingrid Azvedo- one of the original Berlin Kids- gave presentations about Gail and his efforts to promote international goodwill using simple means. The Gail and the Foundation were featured in a multi-media presentation during the closing banquet which had 3,500 attendees.

Nov 2022: On November 7th, the Foundation was invited to be part of the roll out for Gov. Spencer Cox's Utah Week of STEM Initiative at the Utah STEM Action Center in Salt Lake City. The STEM Fun Bus was there to display how we can reach children in rural areas using the bus. We're honored to be part of a state-wide community that focuses on improving the future for our children.

We took to the road again on November 12th to participate in the first-ever Sanpete Fall STEM Festival hosted by Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. This festival was part of the Utah Week of STEM program. The STEM Bus was front and center with 'build a straw rocket and launch it' project. We also gave a series of presentations on Gail Halvorsen the rocket scientist. The hosts were excited to have us come to Ephraim. They want a return visit in the Spring...and Summer, too. There were 1,000 children there- some traveled nearly 200 miles to participate.



Girls making rockets in the Halvorsen STEM Fun Bus at the Sanpete Fall STEM Festival

On November 21st, the Orem Veterans Center was renamed the Candy Bomber Veteran's Center in honor of Gail Halvorsen's service. In May of 2022, the United States Senate and House of Representatives passed Senator Mike Lee and

Representative John Curtis' bill renaming the Orem VA Clinic to The Gail S. Halvorsen "Candy Bomber" Veterans Center. The bill was signed into law by President Joe Biden in June of 2022. At the dedication ceremony Marilyn Sorensen, Gail's daughter, said "With the naming of this veteran center today, we as the Halvorsen family hope that our father's legacy will live on and he will inspire others still to remember the simple principles of love of freedom, love of nation and love for our fellow man."

Dec 2022: The Halvorsen Family and the Foundation participated with the Monticello Academy of West Valley City, Utah, to present two Christmas concerts based on the Candy Bomber's experiences at Christmas in 1948. In addition to music, the children develop artwork commemorating Operation Little Vittles, where Gail and his colleagues dropped 23 tons of candy to the needy children of Berlin. Music teacher Dr. Dan White said, "This is a great and inspiring story for our students. We want to keep the story of 'Uncle Wiggly Wings' alive for our students by showing what a simple act can do to influence the course of history."

"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see."
Sir Winston Churchill



2023: A Year of Promise Our Goals

*“Out of small things come big things.”
Colonel Gail S. Halvorsen*

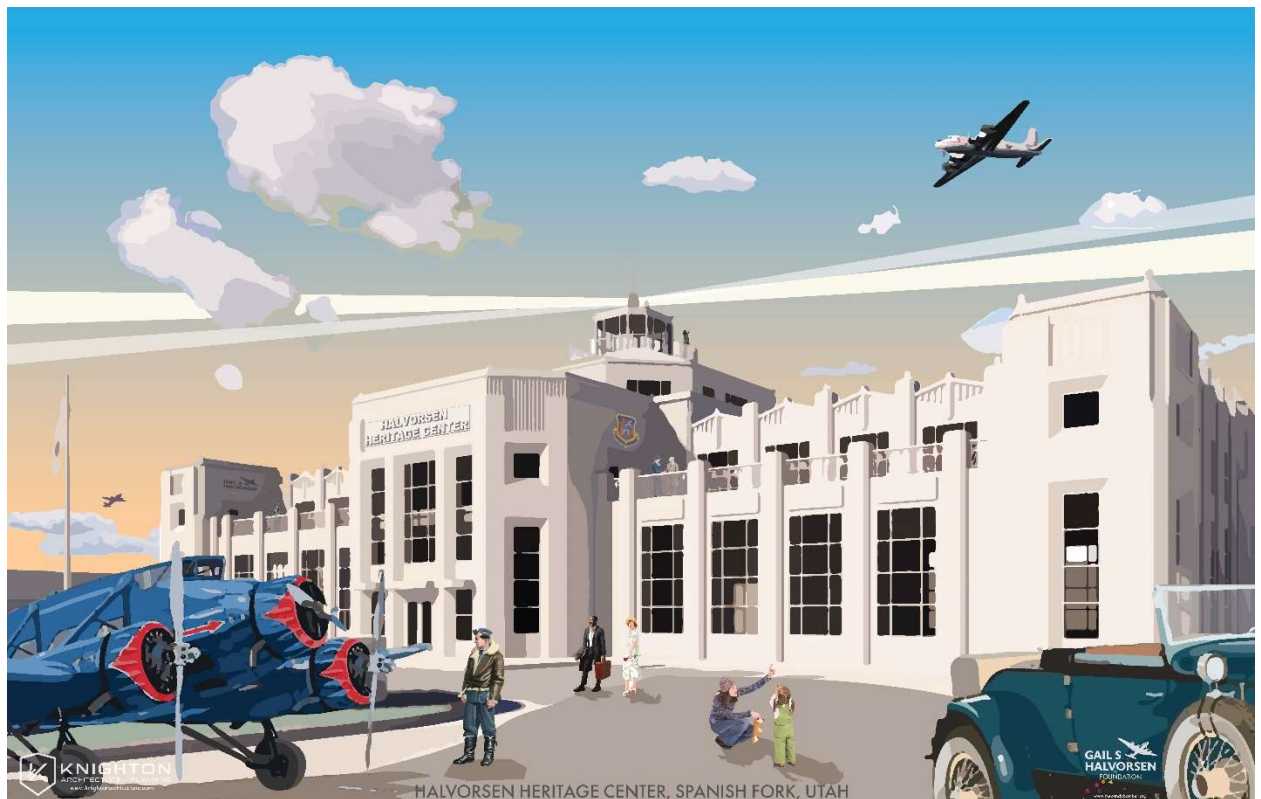
As the New Year unfolds before us, the Foundation has five goals that will guide and inform our efforts during 2023 to fulfill our mission to inspire children through STEM using the life principles of Gail S. Halvorsen.

Goal One: The Foundation will bring the STEM Fun Bus to at least one Title 1 or rural elementary school each month to provide an enrichment activity featuring a STEM topic.

Goal Two: The Foundation will participate in at least four community events that cater to children to provide STEM activities and introduce the story of the Berlin Candy Bomber.

Goal Three: The Foundation- through its Education Team- will develop an educational framework that is compliant with state educational standards for elementary students.

Goal Four: Over 5,000 hours of service will be rendered by Foundation volunteers on education activities, community events, building our network, developing materials, etc.



Architect's rendering of the Halvorsen Heritage Center courtesy of Dan Vowles and Knighton Architecture + Planning

Goal Five: In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the Foundation will break ground for the Halvorsen Heritage Center in Spanish Fork, Utah. This center will be built at Spanish Fork Airport as a community gathering space. The Center will feature:

- A display area where the story of the Berlin Candy Bomber and humanitarian service will be told, artifacts exhibited, and educational multimedia presentations displayed
- A hangar area will be provided for Civil Air Patrol aircraft to enhance community capacity, and provide hands-on experience with modern aerospace technology
- Multi-purpose rooms for STEM or history-themed school visits, presentations, community events, etc.
- A MakerSpace where children and their parents can come to design and build things together
- Provide space for like-minded organizations that share our focus on inspiring youth to prepare for adulthood



Architect's rendering of the display area courtesy of Dan Vowles and Knighton Architecture + Planning

We seek to inspire children through STEM using the life principles of Gail Halvorsen- the Berlin Candy Bomber. The Foundation has persevered and succeeded despite adversity and the loss of our Candy Bomber. We have reached many thousands of children and adults in 2022. As we move forward towards achieving these goals in an energetic manner, your continued support is paramount for success. Please go to www.thecandybomber.org or contact us via docstew@thecandybomber.org to make a donation or to learn more.

“Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**Financial Summary
2022 Cash Flow Report**

Donations

Gail's Celebration of Life	97,221.56
Corporate	13,328.20
Individuals	47,225.00
Other	<u>10,683.78</u>
 Total Donations	 168,458.54

Foundation Expenses

Gail's Celebration of Life/STEM Event	96,926.79
STEM Bus Supplies	3,350.39
Community STEM Events	6,626.35
Fund Raising	4,083.68
Office Expense	1,482.55
Contract Work	5,546.83
Professional Services	5,415.00
Bank Charges	<u>250.08</u>
 Total Expenses	 \$123,681.67
 Positive Cash flow	 \$44,776.87

Cash Position Report as of 12/31/2022

Checking Account	5,967.14
Savings Account	<u>242,072.63</u>
 Total Cash in Accounts	 \$248,039.77

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future of the
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Our children,
and
everyone's
children."

- Col. Gail S. Halvorsen
The Berlin Candy Bomber



The Candy Bomber Mural in Tremonton, Utah

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