

Celebrating Caregivers During National Hospital Week with Musicians On Call

Southwest is a proud partner and

Official Airline of Musicians On Call (MOC), a nonprofit that brings music to the bedsides of patients, families, and caregivers in healthcare environments. Throughout the year, MOC serves the nation's hardworking caregivers and hospital staff, as well as patients, with live music through its bedside and virtual programs, and this week, we partnered with MOC to celebrate National Hospital Week.



In recognition of National Hospital Week, MOC showed appreciation to caregivers and hospital workers during their Concert for Caregivers, an intimate show in Nashville featuring award-winning artists and hit songwriters Dierks Bentley, Charles Esten, and Jon Nite. Caregivers from Tennessee attended the event, and caregivers from hospitals across the country were also nominated for a chance to fly to Nashville on Southwest to attend the show. Deserving recipients from Arizona, Louisiana, and New Mexico were selected to participate in this one-of-a-kind experience.



“I think no matter what type of music, whether you're a country lover from Nashville or any other thing, it just speaks to us,” said Megan, a physician assistant from New Mexico. “Music is a big part of healing, and there are a lot of studies that show that. You can't help but feel happy. So, whatever the music's relating, we feel.”

MOC recorded Concert for Caregivers, and this week it has been playing in the hospitals that are a part of our Medical Transportation Grant Program, offering the caregivers and hospital workers in those locations the opportunity to feel appreciated.



For more than 20 years, Musicians On Call has used music to promote and complement the healing process through bedside, virtual, and digital streaming programs available across all 50 states. MOC volunteers have performed for more than one million individuals in healthcare facilities nationwide, and Southwest has been honored to play a small role in bringing the healing power of music with this program. Through this special community program, Southwest provides complimentary round-trip tickets to nonprofit hospitals and medical transportation organizations, lessening the financial burden on patients and their families requiring travel for specialized lifesaving or life-changing medical care. MOC Volunteers bring live music to children and adults facing any health challenge, including Veterans recovering in VA facilities, family members supporting loved ones in need, and healthcare workers caring for patients.