

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Leaders of the corporate, hospitality and aviation community recognize the importance of the airport to the economic vitality of the region. Incorporate Foundation to support MSP.

Foundation funds beautification projects at the airport and aviation-related initiatives. As the airport grew along with the airlines that served it, so did the Foundation.

In 2006, the Board of Directors embarked on a strategic planning process to assess the growing demands of the airport and travelers, resulting in expanded services and a more focused mission and changed the name of the organization to Airport Foundation MSP. Expansion areas included the addition of an Arts & Culture program, expanded volunteer opportunities and new passenger services.

In 2015, the Animal Ambassador program was introduced, now one of the largest airport pet therapy programs in the world



1970s

1982

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

2022



In 1992, Metropolitan Public Airport Foundation assumed responsibility for the Travelers Aid services and created the Travelers Assistance program. Today the largest and longest serving airport volunteer program in the world.

Introduction of the State of the Airport Event, Annual Golf Tournament and special events to build relationships across the Airport and Business Community.

Today, the Airport Foundation MSP provides extensive programs and services staffed by a talented team of employees and 600 volunteers. Services include an expanded Travelers Assistance department, an Arts and Culture department, tourism support, grantmaking, expanded gaming operations and a wealth of community outreach initiatives that support the MSP Airport and aviation community.

Metropolitan Public Airport Foundation is formally established as a 501(c)(3) public charity with the mission to serve the MSP Airport community and the traveling public.

