

Mission and Programs

THE CHARLES A. AND ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH FOUNDATION

Mission: The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that strives to encourage and inspire present and future generations to work toward finding and sustaining a balance between technological advancements and environmental preservation.

Charles Lindbergh's love of the land, water and sky, can be traced back to his boyhood on a farm in rural Minnesota. It was there that he learned to appreciate nature as he worked the land, and swam in the Mississippi River, which flowed in front of his home. It was there he saw his first airplane and dreamed of flying. The river, the sky, and the wildness of that place stayed with him throughout his life and nourished his spirit. As aviation and technology advanced, Charles made his famous New York-to-Paris flight and then Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh flew together as partners, charting international air routes. Flying close to the ground in the planes of that day, they discovered and treasured the beauty and intricacies of the world around them, but as time went on they saw the land, and the way of life they had come to know, change forever. They believed it was possible to have in our lives both the excitement of advancing technology and a lasting, profound respect for the preservation of the natural environment. **In taking a balance approach, they believed, we can preserve and sustain a quality of life that is essential to all life, not human life alone.**

Friends of the Lindberghs at The Explorers Club in New York City established the organization in 1977 (the 50th anniversary year of Charles Lindbergh's historic New York-to-Paris flight) to honor their friend's devoted partnership in aviation, writing, and their lifelong commitment to the advancement of the scientific knowledge while maintaining a long-term respect for the natural environment. General James H. Doolittle and Astronaut Neil Armstrong led the national effort to establish the organization.

Knowing the Lindberghs' vision of balance between technological advancements they helped pioneer and preservation of the environment they cherished, it was decided that their philosophy of balance would become the cornerstone of the Foundation's programs.

Programs: The Lindbergh Foundation pursues its mission through three major programs, demonstrating a vision born in the past, alive in the present, and reaching into the future:

- ***The Lindbergh Award*** ~ Annually, the Foundation presents its honorary Lindbergh Award for significant contributions toward the balance between technology and nature.
- ***Lindbergh Grants*** ~ Each year, grants are made in support of research or public education projects that further the concept of balance.
- ***Educational Programs and Publications*** ~ The Foundation sponsors publications, prizes and other events that further the Lindberghs' balance vision.