



Bell Helicopter Awards WAI \$8,000 Grant for Girls in Aviation Day 2016

Funds will be used to provide helicopter-themed educational materials

Women in Aviation International received an \$8,000 grant from Bell Helicopter which will be used to provide instructional materials about helicopters to use as a hands-on teaching activity for girls ages 8 to 16 for the September 24, 2016, youth outreach.

"We are delighted with this grant which will enable us to present another fascinating segment of aviation to the girls," said WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian. "With this grant, Bell Helicopter has created future helicopter pilots, designers, and engineers. We thank them for joining with us to plant the seeds for this exciting facet of the aviation industry."

International Girls in Aviation Day is September 24, 2016, where WAI chapters around the world will again host their own one-day event to attract more young women to the aviation and aerospace communities with a day of activities appealing to girls ages 8 to 16 years. This program is an outgrowth of the successful Girls in Aviation Day events held since 2012 during the annual International Women in Aviation Conference.

"In addition, this Bell Helicopter grant makes it possible to provide our chapters with low- and no-cost teaching materials that they will use on Girls in Aviation Day. We will now be able to provide a DVD on helicopter careers produced by the Helicopter Association International, as well as an all-new hands-on rotary-wing activity," added Dr. Chabrian.

More information on International Girls in Aviation Day, September 24, 2016, including information about local chapter events, can be found at www.wai.org/giad.

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI at 3647 State Route 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381, Phone (937) 839-4647; Fax (937) 839-4645 or through www.wai.org.

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