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MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MEETS NEW PARTNER

DISTRIBUTION PARTNER COMES TO COLUMBIA TO DISCUSS EXPANDING RELATIONSHIP IN KENYA



Mel West, MW Founder, meets Connie Cheren, PFC Founder, and Kenyan Staff



Our new partner's change this man's life! (page 2)

Partners for Care is a distribution partner in Kenya. A team from Kenya visited our shop in December and provided a heartfelt program for the volunteers, donors and local community. Although their ministry covers many areas of need, they have committed to delivering four containers - 750 Mobility Carts - this year. They will become Columbia's largest distributor. We are helping them raise money for the shipping. Please help if you can. We have highlighted some of the lives they've touched and dramatically changed through the gift of mobility. To follow is letter from Connie Cheren, the Executive Director of Partners for Care.

The tag line for Partners for Care is "Changing Lives". The staff in Kenya uses many means to change lives - literacy classes through their Second Chance schools, computer schools, safe water programs using water backpacks, bed-net distributions, mobile health through their medical programs, and more. But, one of the staff's favorite ways to change lives is by lifting someone from the dirt and placing them on a Mobility Cart!

Many children and adults in Kenya, and throughout the world, have crawled all their lives in the dirt, confined by their disability to living only within the boundaries of their village or hut. When the Partners for Care staff bring them a Mobility Cart and lift them from the ground into the cart, their life is immediately changed forever. For many children, it means they can attend school for the first time. They can now go to church and even find ways to make a living to help support their families.

The transformation from crawling to mobility brings immediate joy, not just for the formerly immobile child or adult, but also for their families, their church, their community, and for the Partners for Care staff. We are grateful to Mobility Worldwide for their partnership that allows us to participate in such a worthy endeavor. We are grateful to all the thousands of volunteers who build the carts, and to Mel who first had the vision and still has the vision of mobility for every person in the world. We are grateful to the donors who make it all possible, for without them there would be no carts.

We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership with Mobility Worldwide so Partners for Care staff in Kenya can continue to bring Mobility Carts to those most in need, changing lives....one cart at a time

PARTNERS FOR CARE IN KENYA

“CHANGING LIVES”



Ephemera Khaenga is a twenty eight year old woman who caught polio ten years ago. She lost her ability to play sports which she loved and had to be carried everywhere. She says the Mobility Cart has answered her prayers because it gives her the freedom she has been longing for. Her dream is to become a teacher, and she is positive that she will be able to achieve it now that she is mobile.



Maina, ten, suffers from mild cerebral palsy. His teacher says that since Maina has been driving his mobility cart he is happier, more confident and willing to participate in school activities. He also shares his cart with other physically challenged students at school.



Morientes is a young boy who has been carried to school every day of his life. At home he crawls on the ground. He recently received a cart and the expression on his face tells the story of a life happily changed forever!



Charles is a sixteen year old son who is being raised by a single mom. He often was sick with diarrhea because he would crawl on the ground and then eat without washing. At a hand washing clinic his mother found out about the Mobility Cart. Not only has his health problems cleared up but he now has mobility and dignity.



George was born unable to walk. He was raised by his grandmother who adopted him but could not afford the help she needed to get him to school. George was so excited about his mobility cart, he couldn't sleep the night before it arrived. George has always wanted to attend church but until now he could not get there. He says, “I will no longer miss church because now I can take myself!”

“A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.”

Steve Maraboli



GARY'S COLUMN:

"WELCOMING A NEW PARTNER"

Last fall Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia was introduced to a new partner in delivering Mobility Carts in Kenya. You have read about Partners for Care (PFC) in this newsletter. For Columbia, this is introducing to our production the missing link - the ability to deliver many carts and to collect data about those recipients.

Our mission has been to build and ship carts to a USA destination for \$300 per cart. The delivery cost to the recipients has not typically been part of the plan. We are rethinking that mission. PFC is offering a valuable method to gathering details about the end user and how their lives changed.

The final destination shipping costs from our dock into the hands of a recipient in Kenya amounts to \$55 per cart. The Columbia staff and Board are readjusting our 2017 budget to accomplishing delivery of four containers of carts about 750 carts or \$41,250. PFC has a donor that will supply half and Columbia is asking our donors to supply the balance.

So far in 2017 our production is averaging over 35 carts per week. Our warehouse space is bulging without regular containers. PFC is offering to place 750 carts or 21 weeks of production. Let's embark on a constant delivery plan to help 750 people from crawling on the ground.

The need in Kenya is great. With your extra support we will change more lives in 2017 and bring you more valuable stories. Will you help?

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER CRANKS OUT THOUSANDS OF HANDLES

Rod Hanson makes all of the crank handles (over 17,000 so far) for the Columbia and St. Paul affiliate shops. From Pennsylvania, Rod sources plastic rods made from recycled milk bottles. In his garage, where nearly every square inch is packed with equipment and material, he cuts the rods to length and drills out the center with a special jig. Every 3 weeks a box of 156 handles makes its way to affiliate shops. Like many of our volunteers, Rod is busier in retirement than when he taught industrial arts in Minnesota. He and Diana volunteer at their church and in the local community. Generous with their time, they are also as generous with their money. Rod and Diana challenge others to match contributions in what has become an annual event for the Columbia shop. Their children are raised and doing well, so they've decided to give to children and others who could use a lift. They've given away Mobility Carts in Guatemala where they saw first-hand the joy that these gifts bring. Thank you Rod and Diana!

MOBILITY CART DONATION SLIP

Yes! I want to give the GIFT OF MOBILITY to a person whose legs do not function.

My check is enclosed for:

\$ _____ for _____ PET's at \$300.00 each.

\$ _____ for _____ carts sent to Kenya at \$55 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to PET MO- Columbia and mail to: 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, MO 65202
Tel: 573-886-7877





MEL'S COLUMN:

"HELP US SHARE THE STORY"

Last November, we wrote to you about another match opportunity at \$30,000. Within 2 weeks, 105 donors sent \$31,117. We have also received the match, and all your gifts are being put into production. That gave us a great jump on 2017. To keep up the 35 a week goal, we will continue to need your support.



YOU CAN BE A MOBILITY WORLDWIDE PROMOTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Several years ago a friend of mine retired and moved to WA. He set a personal goal of raising money for 200 Mobility Carts before he died and did. Another friend retired and moved to Iowa and became a MW promoter. Money began to come in from the Lions Clubs, churches and the friends of his and those of his wife. He is now deceased, but checks still flow from that community; and his wife is now promoting.

You who are reading this can become a promoter for Mobility Worldwide right where you are. Here are suggestions:

1. Write to us at 1908 Heriford, Columbia, MO, 65202, and tell us you want to promote locally. We will send you materials to get you started, including copies of our excellent DVD.
2. Contact churches and service clubs and tell them you want to make a presentation about MW. Ask for the nearest specific date when you could do that. Show the video. Tell the story. Give handouts.
3. Begin now telling your local churches that MW would make a very good mission project for next summer's VBS. Order our VBS packet for them. Borrow a small sized cart; the kids have great fun with it. (See link below for details.)

<http://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/missouri-workshops/missouri-columbia/help/vacation-bible-school/>

4. Give some dollars to MW MO - Columbia in honor of local family or friends. We will acknowledge that and send them information to tell the story.
5. If you can, borrow a cart from us and ride it in a local parade with handouts.
6. If you can, visit our production shop and warehouse here in Columbia – hours M – F 8 am to 3 pm except holidays. Call ahead to get on the calendar for a tour and bring a carload of friends. They will go home and tell the story.
7. If you can, make the MW distribution trip to Guatemala or another country to help assemble and distribute Mobility Carts. Ask us about it.
8. Get the MW cap and "T" shirt. Become known as "Mr. Mobility Worldwide" (or Mrs.). You will receive great personal satisfaction from knowing that your actions caused many leg-handicapped persons to rise to a life of dignity, hope, pride, comfort and productivity.

- MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

We appreciate all the donors and families who have chosen to Mobility Worldwide to honor or remember someone. These gifts will be put to good use building and shipping mobility to others in need.

- Rev. Charles Millner by Naomi Millner, Rick & Jan Williamson, Maggie Williamson, Aaron & Emily Williamson, Ruth Anne & Chuck DeKrey, Suzanne & Travis Pearson, Alli & Macy Pearson, Danielle Mathieu, Kristen & Daniel Faubus, Julia & Cora Faubus
- Jim Vest, Patricia Webster, Lois Parker, Patty Innes, Libby Scott, & Mrs. Cataract by Winifred Scott
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- Martha Mason by Weldon Beach
- Pat Pearson by Teresa Dubuquet
- Howard Fox By Shirley Ryan
- Mary Beales by James Beales
- Katie Preston by Ron Powers
- Barbara Zeller by Linda Jensen

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Dean & Elaine Tobey, Jordan Tobey & Bridgette, Jama Tobey, Brett, Drew & Myrna Spencer, Rebecca Spencer for Christmas by Jerie Furness
- Shane Bishop Family, Shayla Price Family, Brandon Haag Family, Jenna Roller, Emily Roller, Bryson Roller by Ken & Lila Roller
- Dr. Garrett & Catherine Korreect, Drs. Jon & Angela Webb, Dan & Lindsey Korreect, and Cameron & Lisa Korreect by Jeanette Korreect
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- Russell, Sturgeon, Kelley & Dudgeon Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren by Beth Ferrell
- John and Dorothy Tomlin by Jim, Becky, Megan, Jesse, Matthew and Lauren Hottel
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- Rory & Cate Schaefer and Ian Westerberg by Rich & Carol Oliver
- Hometown Homecare Co-workers by Jennifer & Mark Dressler
- Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Lloyd & Diana Rudloff
- Friends and Family at Christmas by Nancy & Tom Nolting
- Bill & Elaine Gortmaker by Colleen & Gary Ostercamp
- Becky Ruth Ferrell and Viola Powell by Joe & Pat Powell
- Harrold & Nancy Ankeney by David & Chris Ankeney
- Brady Wirth Courtwarming King by Deborah Sanders
- Jerry Doyle's birthday by Rosemary Doerr, Joan Doyle
- The Smith Family by Kristen Brennan & Family
- Gary & Kathy Hughes by Don & Thelma Randall
- Grandchildren by Dave & Dorothy Higdon
- Camryn Hoefner by Lisa Jean Hoefner
- Ron & Chris Houser by Julie Houser
- Marie Hug by Brian & Lorna Griffen
- Alan Jackson by Minna Appleby
- Cleo Kottwitz by Gladys Campbell
- Cheryl Leitner by J. Paul Jones
- Don & Carolyn McCoy by Donna & Tom Chuang
- Mike & Terin Forsee by Oleta & Joseph Forsee
- Glenn & Kate Brown by Tom & Mildred Brown
- Faith Moser by Janice Long
- My parents, Mel and Barbara West by Moine West
- Mary Louise O'Brien and Ron Jackson by Jody Frank
- Richard Ohrt's birthday by Cheryl Greiman
- Robert Palmer by Nevada United Methodist Church
- Judy Parsons by Cleo Kottwitz
- LaVonne Patterson by Kurt, Pam and Geoff Davis
- Joe Powell by Lawrence & Elaine Boston
- June & Sid Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Schehr Family by Ron & Chris Houser
- John & Barbara Shaffer by Paul & Delores Orman
- Daniel and Jennifer Taylor by Mark James Kelty
- Brady Wirth Courtwarming King by Deborah Sanders
- Rob & Colin Barber by Lois & Cliff Elliott
- Alana Shelare by Marian Milliken
- Elaine Thompson by Blake Thompson
- Kay Wallace's birthday by Elaine Thompson
- Nathan Weil by Phoebe Weil
- Richard Myers by Joan Myers
- The Wests by Martin West
- Barbara Wolf by Richard & Joyce Wolf
- Warren & Lucy Zahler by Meg Bonasera
- Warren Zahler by Lena, Hayden & Rhett Kichl



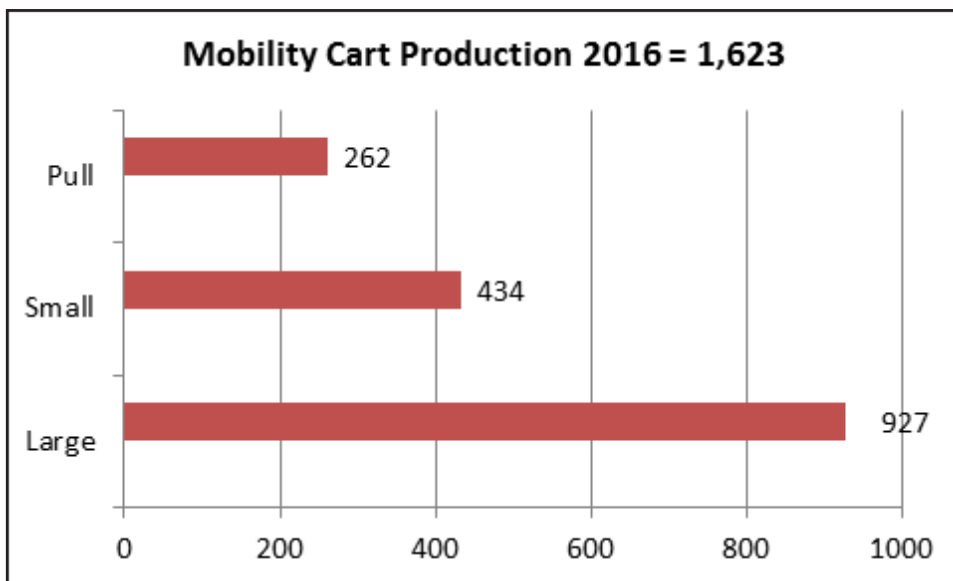


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Our mission: Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia’s mission is to provide appropriate mobility for all of God’s children in need. We seek to provide mobility first for those in greatest need and with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries.

OVER 20,000 MOBILITY CARTS BUILT !



Since our founding of Mobility Worldwide, our shop has produced over 20,000 carts for those in need of rugged mobility. That is about 1/3 of the total produced worldwide. 1,623 carts were built in 2016 with 1,748 shipped out. Thank you for your contributions toward that achievement.

2017 Goal: 1,820 Mobility Carts

This year, we are increasing production about 3 per week to 35 total. With your great giving in 2016, we feel confident in increasing production.

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