



# Personal Energy Transportation

## PET® MO-Columbia

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**GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY**

**PET NOW HAS A NEW OWNER IN MAURITIUS**

**LIONS CLUB MEMBERS PASSED ON PET THRU SPECIAL OLYMPICS**



At the request of PET International, we had sent a large crank PET to District 403B2 Lions Club for their 2015 ISAAME forum. Mauritius is an islands nation off the SE coast of Africa. Now it has been passed along to a mentally and physically handicapped recipient thru Special Olympics. The Director of Operations for PET International is working with them at the writing of this article to send a full shipment. Lions Clubs are just one of many reliable and caring organizations PET works with for distribution.

“Dear Von, it’s our pleasure to have distributed the PET cart donation to a mentally and physically handicapped young person at the Family Health Forum organised by Special Olympics Mauritius in collaboration with the Lions Club of Curepipe and the Mentally Handicapped Persons Sports Federation.

Delighted to note that the PET Mobility Project would be willing to consider donating a full container shipment to our Lions District 403 B2 but, due to distance and separation by sea over long and very long distances, distribution would be limited to one of the six countries of the district, namely, Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion, Mayotte and Comores as well as Djibouti on mainland Africa.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

BEST REGARDS, GEORGES LEUNG SHING, 403B2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2014-2015”



# GARY'S COLUMN:

## "TEAMWORK IS ALIVE AT PET"

Columbia is on track to build over 1,700 PETs in 2016. At the rate of 32 per week, it can only be accomplished with a team of workers. Take note of this photo of the packing crew that faithfully returns each Tuesday to break down, box and wrap each PET that is assembled the past week. The crew has fun, works hard for 1.5 hours and knows that they are making a difference in the lives of 32 persons somewhere in the world.

PET runs because of you, donors around the country, that respond to our matching gifts that came during the recent drive. We matched \$20,000 in less than two months. As I traveled to Colorado recently, I visited with a donor in a small isolated rural town of Joes, in Eastern Colorado. And then my wife had coffee with a family in Grand Junction, CO. If you divide our budget of \$460,000 into small portions, it takes gifts from all of you that reads this newsletter. Watch for more matching opportunities. Could you provide a Match Challenge? Let's talk.

Metal PET parts require us to find welders in local home shops to create individual pieces. Our challenge is to find donated steel for the donated labor. We are cutting most of the wood pieces in Columbia. We are buying over 500 pieces of treated lumber 1 x 6's per month = \$3,750. Volunteers to assemble and work all the pieces to make a PET amount to over 200 that help out.

So where do you fit in?



- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# HELP SAVE MEL WEST!!!

PET is running out of clean soup cans for packing PETs. Mel will be dumpster diving soon for cans. Needs are 124, clean and label free soup cans per week. Local sources needed for soup/vegetable size only.

# \$20,000 SPRING MATCH CHALLENGE

<b>#29 NEW DONORS</b>	<b>#124 TOTAL DONORS</b>
<b>\$26,554+ GIFTS THAT QUALIFIED!!</b>	<b>\$20,000 MATCH RECEIVED IN FULL!!</b>

**THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS WHO OFFERED THIS OPPORTUNITY AND WHO SENT QUALIFYING GIFTS!!**

Qualifying gifts = new donors or amounts above what our current supporters gave in 2015. Within six weeks, you generously responded and we met the challenge. The gifts above alone will build and ship #155 more PET's for those in need of rugged mobility in developing countries. That's about five weeks of production at #32 PET's a week (large & small crank and Pull). You can still help make production happen the rest of 2016.

## WOMAN IN IVORY COAST USES PET FOR CHURCH AND BAPTISM



She (lady seated on the ground to the left of the picture, close to her PET cart ) rode her PET 6 kilometers to church and then another 4 kilometers to the site to be baptized

**“The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another’s, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises.”**

**- Leo F. Buscaglia**

# PET MORPHS INTO MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

## PET LOOKS FORWARD TO MORE SUCCESS WITH NEW NAME

PET has been around and growing for 22 years. Thanks to our founders Mel West & Larry Hills, and designer Earl Miner for their vision and skills to provide a rugged mobility device for rural areas for those most in need. Over 59,000 PETs in 3 models have been produced and shipped to 103 countries. (Burma and Mauritius recently added.)

Along the way, little changes were made to PET's design to improve longevity and use by its owner. Those included better bearings and sprockets. In 2013 a major seat overhaul was accomplished with the formation of a Medical Advisory Committee made up of professionals.

Changing the organizational and vehicle name has been in discussion for years. Although the PET name has served us well and has been used in fun ways to fundraise. But too often, PET is misunderstood and makes it difficult for folks to find us in web searches and such. PET International, who leads the PET Family of production shops, has come to the decision of a new name with the help of a professional marketing firm.



### **“Mobility Worldwide”- “Empowering People” and “Mobility Cart” – “Powered by People”**

They are still working on all the details of the transition affecting 23 production sites. A tag line is being developed to link “PET” (personal energy transportation acronym) to the new organizational name for this transitional period. Something like:

#### **Providing Personal Energy Transportation carts to the world's most vulnerable people since 1994.**

Mobility Worldwide will be an easier name for others to quickly grasp our mission while we share our story. We look forward to many more years and anticipate this name change will help in achieving more recognition and success. Success to be measured by quality PETs/Mobility Carts shipped and lives improved.

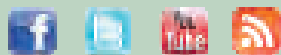
Let's continue to work together to help those around the world in need of rugged mobility!

Helping others be independent,

KATHY MAYNARD, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF 17 YEARS



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## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

Donna Hofmeister by Jack & Winifred Colwill; Loyal & Floramae Cutforth; Richard & Mary Ann Cutforth, Reg & Jill Dusing; Joan Frey; Elizabeth Golden; Susan Goll & John Ziegenhagen; Allen Halper, Lois Hofmeister; Peter Kiernan; Ray & Linda McKenzie; Royce Ragland & Kenneth Bloem; Paul & Deborah Richardson; William & Elizabeth Schultz, Jr.; Christine Simaytis

Shirley Cornett by Erica, Bryan & Susan Cornett; Marilyn Sudbrock; Gary & Darla Miller; Clifford & Cathy Cornett; Kenneth Lee McQuarry; Wayne & Linda Benoit; Berry & Jo Azdell; Karen Wehrman; Lisa Mattingly; Pauline & Carl Newbrough; Ian & Ellen Thomas; Kendal & Barbara Adams; Mike & Shirley Miller

Tom La Hue by Rob Dunn, Shawna Crane, Terry Hill, Dilauna Burks, Jennifer Wheatley, Lisa Green, Christina Sharp, Christy Martin, Dave & Carolyn Denton, Bill & Shirlee Poore

Ruth Witt by Ellen Brooks, Dean Murphy, Norma McFarlan, Richard Baumann, Florence Swierk, Marge Hicks

- Greyson & Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Whitney Hicks by John Doll; Pat & Harriet Brazil
- Andrew Wappelhorst by Cleo Kottwitz & Judy Parsons
- Harold Wilson by Junior Cerveney, Tabatha DeMent
- Dr. Guido H. Stempel by David & Bonita Maze
- Robert D. Simpkins by David & Bonita Maze
- Dr. Dale Schramm by Judy & Joe Marnin
- Shorty Jarnigan by Paul & Mary Cross
- Roland Meinert by Shirley Meinert
- Gilbert C. Felling by Mark Felling
- Our Parents by Fred & Laverne Blank
- James P. Powell by Joe & Pat Powell
- Paul Scherer by Pairs & Spares Class
- Dad & Larry by Barbara Wolf
- Wally Brown by Joe & Zoe Wilson

- Dixie Edge by Joe & Pat Powell
- Rex Hodge by Mary Hodge
- Roger L. Mitchell by Joyce Mitchell
- Martha Philippi by Kathy Perks
- Bill Poore by Shirlee Poore
- Alfred Talley by Edith Talley
- Sam Thomas by Frieda Thomas
- Ruth & Arthur Witt by Judy Witt

## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

- Mel Wagner, Jr. by Jean & George Sallwasser; Martha & Paul Metzler; Barb & Dee Ridenhour
- 56th Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Betty Dillard by Mark & Jennifer Dressler
- Mel & Barb West by Phil & Marilyn Garrett; Helen & Steve Schoene
- Ed & Erma Riley's 70th Wedding Anniversary by Gloria Northcutt
- 60th Wedding Anniversary of Donna & Roger Hofmeister
- Lynn Rossy and Bud Murphey by Nina & Terry Furstenau
- Mel West by Stephen & Joan Mudrick, Steve Matthews
- Patty Brown by Maureen Maryniak
- Sally Dorris by United Methodist Women
- Pastor Marilyn Dorst by Altamont Methodist Church
- Jerie Furness by Leanne Trebilcock
- George Hackett by Harlan Hackett
- Chris Houser by Ron Houser
- Richard Ohrt by Cheryl Greiman
- Anne Miller by Elizabeth Morgan
- Bill Poore by Shirlee Poore
- Joe Powell by Lawrence Boston, Patricia Powell
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Clarice Shemwell by Glendall & Doris Stout
- Mel & Anne Wagner by Ginny & Stephen Schultz
- The Wests by Martin West
- Ronald Williams by Kathy Larson
- Sandy/Kelly Young by Dexter Short

## PET PROJECT 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.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ toward the purchase of a PET.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

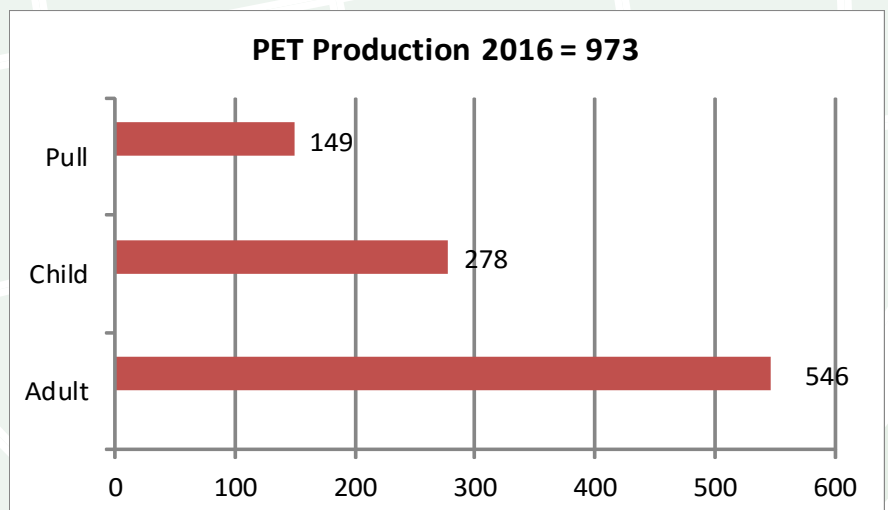
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tel: 573-886-7877



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



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**Our mission:** The Personal Energy Transportation (PET) 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.



Mr Truong Uy, is 78 years old, and has paralyzed legs.  
He is very glad to have this Personal Energy Transportation cart to use for traveling to see his friends in the village.