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TEAM MAINTENANCED PETS IN GUATEMALA:

COLUMBIA SHOP VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE PETS AND DO MECHANIC WORK ON OLDER PETS

Jeff & Barbara Moran led another team of volunteers from different PET sites to Hope Haven International in Guatemala. Barbara put together a great report to share with the production shops and the board of PET International. Their work on the trip included looking in on PETs already in the field to see how they were holding up, when did they get the PET, how did it suit the recipient, did they have any suggestions/complaints/problems, how did the PET affect the health of the recipient, made adjustments as needed (including replacement parts), and more. We are so grateful to them and the team for the important feedback from their major task. Many times an older PET can be kept operating with a little help with repairs or new parts. 8 to 12 year old PETs have been reported many times from different countries. Thank you for your donations to make the PET Mobility Project successful in distributing new PETs and providing maintenance on older PETs.



Isabel Perez Lucas

Isabel had polio when she was a toddler, wears braces on her legs, and uses crutches. She uses the PET all during the day: to travel to her sister's house where they make tortillas to sell, and in her home. She also bathes in her PET in a nearby stream, which explains the rusting tires, especially the front one.

Her brother provides some maintenance for her PET. He will adjust her chain occasionally; and when it broke he fixed it. Her PET is missing the wood block of her parking brake. Her brother replaced the wood of the seat of the PET – it has no padding or vinyl. She painted the PET. We gave her a replacement front tire which she says her brother will install for her. She was anxious to get back to work. She has had her PET for 4 years.

Marvin Manfredo Lopez

Marvin had polio when he was three years old. He received his PET 8 years ago. In the mornings he delivers newspapers, and in the afternoons he polishes shoes. He commented that sometimes he hits his head on the handles when the cart hits a big rock.

When the chain broke he tied it with rope. The tires have no tread and the vinyl of the seat is torn. We gave him a new PET and he kept the old one for parts. When asked for suggestions, he said he didn't like the old seat or wheels, and really likes the new cart with the padded seat. And he wants a wife.



VOLUNTEERS TOOK CARE OF PETS IN GUATEMALA

COLUMBIA PET TEAM REPAIRS LOCAL AND KANSAS PETS



Jeser Abimae & Justa Ludim Marroquin Lopez

Jeser was born with Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic neurological disorder. He received his PET cart 8 months ago and uses it all day to move around his house and yard. Joe tightened the chain on his PET.

Sister Justa was also born with Retts Syndrome and received her PET cart 8 months ago. She uses it all day to move around. Joe and Jeff adjusted the chain and replaced a lost seat knob with a nut.

Their mother told us that the PET carts keep the children entertained and are so helpful to her. The children can go to market with her.

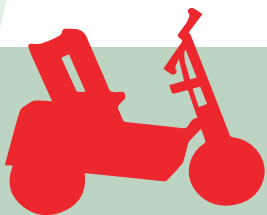


Juan Antonio De la Cruz

Juan was robbed and assaulted with a machete 15 years ago. Someone else had the PET for about 3 years, died, and Dr. William Sosa added snack racks and canopy, made a sling seatback (vinyl with 3 straps on each side) for the cart, and gave it to Juan about 3 months ago. He spends about 6 hours a day on the PET.

The front floor boards have started to rot on the front end; tires show some wear. Jeff and Joe adjusted the pivot pin on the front fork which was loose, and straightened the brake push rod. When

asked what he would suggest for improvements, Juan said he likes everything about the cart, but he'd like it bigger. A neighbor came by to buy snacks while we were there. We bought snacks too.



“The opportunity for brotherhood presents itself every time you meet a human being.”

- Jane Wyman

A PET RECIPIENT BECOMES A STREET VENDOR...

SOME SKILLS AND LOCAL SUPPLIES CAN TRANSFORM A PET INTO A BUSINESS.



Our distribution partner the ADHU (Association for Human Development) in El Salvador is helping provide PET carts for the disabled. This particular man has chosen to adapt his PET for street vending. This example helps exemplify the power in the Gift of Mobility and personal ingenuity. This picture was sent to us in January by Tony Gasbarro, our friend in Alaska. He periodically goes to El Salvador and helps with communication and more with our distribution partner there. Humberto Rivera is the director of ADHU and has received a few overseas shipping containers full of PETs to distribute since 2009.

We are so grateful for all our PET Friends around the world that make these stories possible. Please help us to keep PETs shipping into El Salvador and elsewhere.

...OR A RECYCLER OR...

WITH YOUR HELP, A MAN GIVES BACK TO THE ENVIRONMENT!

"I visited with a ADHU PET client in a small vantage in central El Salvador called El Congo. There was a gentleman there who had received a PET vehicle and was using it to make a living going around town picking up recyclable items. When we visited his home he had it stored in the living room. He was VERY HAPPY to have the vehicle."

Sincerely, Tony



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

PET WELCOMES TERRY FURSTENAU!

Meet New PET Board Chairman, Terry Furstenau. Terry has volunteered as Assembler every Thursday with Teddy Arthur. Teddy leaves her very creative reflector design on each PET. Terry has traveled numerous times to Guatemala, to Panama with Rotary, and is featured in our PET video. His enthusiasm for leadership is going to push our fundraising and marketing to higher levels.

Welcome Terry!!!



PETs Go FOR VBS:

Many churches are planning their summer Vacation Bible School programs. PET supplies a program packet to lead mission awareness activities during your VBS week. New activities are created for elementary and middle school ages. Challenge your classes to learn about how mobility problems can be solved with a PET. Call the office and order a packet for \$15.00 and reserve a PET to have on display.



MEL'S COLUMN:

“AT PET MO - COLUMBIA, WE BUILD IN FAITH:”

We are a people propelled by the FAITH that the day will come when no person on this Earth will be compelled to crawl upon the ground, or be carried about, because of leg handicaps.

We build upon the FAITH that a world that can construct mechanical and electrical devices to respond to our every whim and need, can also build the devices, both simple and complicated, to give freedom of mobility to all its citizens.

We act in support of a FAITH that tells us that the gift of mobility is one of those inherent rights alongside life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

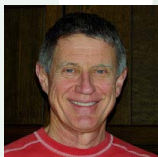
We work with the FAITH that every individual, regardless of age, race, income, education or status, can do something to help provide the gift of mobility to someone in need of such.

We act with the FAITH that it is the height of human character to be willing to give something of ones-self to aid a neighbor in need.

We work with the FAITH that every world religion, in the core of its scriptures, ask for and supports active caring for those whom one calls "the least of these."

On this our FAITH stands. We can do no other.

- MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS



DIRECTOR'S DESK:

“CALLING ALL VIETNAM VETERANS”

PET is joining with the D.O.V.E.(Development of Vietnam Endeavors) Fund to send 280 PETs to those leg handicapped in Vietnam. Columbia was asked to provide as many Pull PETs as we could produce. We made 87 in just a few weeks before running out of some drive train parts. We will send 87 Pulls and 45 Adult PETs to San Diego. There it loads on to Project Handclasp's hospital ship with PETs from Brazos Valley, West MI, and East MI.

D.O.V.E. enlists Vietnam veterans to distribute the PETs. The experience of providing mobility, building schools, libraries, etc, provide a healthy bridge for veterans struggling with war issues from 50 years ago. Who do you know that could benefit?

Project Handclasp is a US Navy donation towards shipping. The PET Affiliates will pay for the trucking to San Diego. To help out a \$5,000 grant was received from Veterans United Mortgage Foundation in Columbia, MO. VU provides volunteers to wrap and palletize the 22 pallets from Columbia. They have loaded many containers as well.

PET COLUMBIA GIVES VU A BIG SHOUT OUT!!

Thanks to all our Donors for December was a near record Receipts month for PET Columbia. We are well set to start 2015 and can build even more than 28 per week with your continued help. Keep PET at TOP OF MIND!!!

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

YEAREND GIFTS:

Because of your great gifts in December of \$91,255, we are off to a terrific start in 2015. Your support came thru the local community foundation fundraiser, Giving Tuesday, checks, online gifts and more. We still need your continued gifts to operate the shop, pay shipping and buy supplies to keep up a weekly production of 28 a week or increase to 50 a week.

Thank you, Board of Trustees

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GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

Whitney Hicks by Joe & Linda Hicks, Shirley Tillotson, William & Susan Kurtz, Janet Rollins Berry, Kay Wallace, Mr. Bearg, Kenneth & Janice Tompkins, First Presbyterian Church, Steve & Patricia Sublett, E. H. Gill, James & Mariann Holstein, Claire Ellerbe, Haskell & Maria Taub, John & Myrna White, Carolyn Johnson, Richard Goodwin, Carol Elliott, Rod & Andree Gelatt, Joseph & Carol Headley, David Schenker, Sonny & Rebecca Cox, Marjory Hicks, Gary & Elaine Cole, John Doll, Richard & Barbara Sommer, Nancy Ruth Cobun Clew, Roger Hanson, Jon Lindgren

- Megan Sawyer Ankeney by Harrold & Nancy Ankeney
- William Appelgate by Mark Barrett
- Billy Bass by R S Youngquist
- Charles Fulhage by Jane Fulhage
- Ed Hampton by Doris Hampton
- Mayme Ruth Harlan by Paul & Mary Cross
- Lawrence & Thomas Kernell by Barbara Kernell
- Michael Leed by Judy Leed
- William L. Magruder by Garry Magruder
- Brent Murray by Patricia Pierce
- Jeffrey John O'Brien by Mary Louise O'Brien
- Elinor O'Neil, Charles Minch, Brother, by Donna Wallace Wagner
- Gene & Rena Moore by Wilson & Debbie Jones
- Dan & Ramona Orr by Kris & Dan Laux
- Norma Smith, Martha Philippi & May Sofka by Kathy Perks
- Abbey Ure by Virginia Bertz
- James Wall, Sr. by Kay & Bill St. Onge
- Arthur Witt by Judith Witt-Croswhite
- Don Smith by Dan Erdel
- Lilly Ann Jean Robinson, Elaine Lefevre, Bernard Johnson by Austin & Tammie Keith

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

Chuck & Ruth Anne DeKrey, Danielle Mathieu, Travis & Suzanne Pearson, Rick & Jan Williamson, Daniel & Kristen Faubus, Aaron & Emily Williamson, and great grandchildren: Alli Pearson, Macy Pearson, Julia Faubus, Cora Faubus, Baby Williamson by Charles & Naomi Millner

- Jim and Lorraine Alsum by Barb DeKruif
- Frank Amos by Lisa Ledebore
- Paul Barker and Delta Bement by David Barker
- Glenn & Kate Brown and Janet B. & Erich Martz by Tom & Mildred Brown
- Addi Burnsed and Landon Burnsed by Jeannie Emack
- Stanley & Janet Casady by Devon Casady
- Pat & Shelia Christy by Stephen & Dovie Weston
- Frank Conley by Carla Conley
- Jim Crooks by Jane Crooks
- Beverly Crain by Doris & Glendall Stout
- Pastor Marilyn Dorst by Altamont Methodist Church
- Jerry Doyle's birthday by Joan Doyle, Sally Doyle, Rosemary Doerr
- Ferrell and Russell Families by Beth Ferrell
- William Floerchinger by David Floerchinger
- Sharyn Fry by Betty Weisel
- Goodson Children by Bill & Jan Goodson
- Bill and Elaine Gortmaker's 64th wedding anniversary by Colleen Ostercamp
- Lester Harper by Rhydonia Duggan
- Jerry Hazelbauer & Lynn Randall by Judy & Jim Wall
- Sarah Hill by Thomas & Beth Kenney
- Dr. Roger Hofmeister by June Fulbright, Kenneth Bloem
- Dr. Garrett Korrekt & Dr. Jon Webb by Jeanette Korrekt
- Betty & George Kruck by Phil & Marilyn Garrett
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan
- Elizabeth Marshall by Helen Stairwalt
- Glen & Paulette Matheny and Lois & Walt Barker by Judy Matheny
- Elaine G. McQuate by David Maze
- Earl and Leona Miner by Kathleen Miner
- Gary Moreau (PET Executive Director) by Natalie & Jason Ysker
- Trudy Oberbeck by Keith Oberbeck
- Seun Oke (PET recipient from Nigeria) by Miss Princess Dugbo
- Rico & Marilyn Paolino by Stacy Bryant-Wimp
- Douglas Pfeil by Rhydonia Duggan
- Bob & Francine Popeck by Karen & Charlie Popeck
- Dennis Potter by Kathryn Potter
- June & Sid Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Rudloff 16 grandchildren & great granddaughter by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff
- Debi Sanders by Heidi Boas
- Angelika Shafer by Ruth Witt
- Alana Shelare by John & Judy Ross
- Rev. Kevin Shelton by Harrisonville United Methodist Church Staff
- Staff at SPRED by Shirley Russo & Brenda Sneller
- Trae, Jace, Riley, Gracen, Brayden (grandchildren) by Rev. Sheila Swafford
- Elaine Thompson by Justin & Stacie Thompson
- Sass & Yvonne Tracy by Roger & Donna Hofmeister
- Will Wallace, Matt Falk, TJ Worley, Kallie Wallace, Ann Dee Worley by Elizabeth Wallace
- Mel West by R F & E J Piest, Mr. & Mrs. George Moore, Lisa Hoefner
- Mel & Barb West By Mary Isabel Doak
- Mel & Barb, Susan, Martin & Aaron West for Christmas 2014 by Moine West
- Mel & Barb West, Moine & Mabel West by Aaron West
- Mel & Barb West and Chuck Sauer by Lucy Sauer
- Dorothy White & Diane Long by Gladys Campbell
- Jim & Carol Wilson by Bishop Joe & Zoe Wilson
- Dr. Michael & Joan Shockley, Sara Davis, Lynn & Merle Fair, and Donna, Frank Penson & Family by Ken & Frances Shockley
- Elaine Thompson, Elizabeth Ann Morgan, Bonita Baer, Anne Miller and Kay Wallace by Anne Miller, Kay Wallace

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 \$250.00 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

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

JOIN US FOR OUR PET FUNDRAISER FEATURING OUR OWN JEFF MORAN!

Dr.Chordate’s Musical/Comedy/Science Revue
Friday, March 20, 7:30 pm, Talking Horse Theatre
210 St James St, Columbia, MO

YOU HELPED OUR TEAM CARE FOR PETs IN GUATEMALA!

SEE THE REST OF THE STORY CONTINUED ON PAGES 1 & 2



Anna Lucia Ramirez Coutreras

Anna was born with spinal bifida. She received a PET cart 4 years ago, used it for about 1 year. She developed ulcers on her back and quit using it. Her mom said that they didn’t try to modify it since it upset Anna so badly and she had trouble operating the crank.

The cart was stored under tarps and in good condition except it was missing the seatbelt.

When we asked if we could give the cart to another person, Anna and her mother graciously said yes. [Last summer Madison Gartman completed the forms for Anna to receive an electric wheelchair. She is on a waiting list.]

We delivered the PET cart to a 74 year old man with no legs that Mari knew. He has diabetes and his legs had to be amputated 4 years ago. He was thrilled to receive the PET and when we left he was planning the trips he would take with his new wheels.