

WHY PETS ARE NEEDED:



LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE MOBILITY IN PANAMA

"The man with disabled legs pictured (left) is from Colon Province, Panama. He earns his income by selling newspapers from his Personal Energy Transportation cart.

Local Rotary members help distribute the PET carts at no cost to those who cannot walk."

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PET PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN DECEMBER

CoMoGives Community Foundation of Central Missouri is just another way to donate to PET MO-Columbia. The CoMoGives campaign has a primary goal to facilitate year-end giving to a cross-section of Columbia/Boone County nonprofit organizations. The campaign includes a publication which will be inserted in the Columbia Daily Tribune in mid November 2014 and a website describing how to make a donation.

PET MO-Columbia is one of 52 nonprofit organizations which you can choose to make an easy credit card donation of \$10 or more. Gifts can be made between December 1 and December 31, 2014.

This year a total of \$8,000 is available for challenge grants. Each organization is eligible to win one of eight grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Categories include agencies with : 1) highest total of donations, 2) highest number of individual donors, 3) highest number of donors under age thirty-five, 4) most donations of \$250 or more, and 5) and a second place finish for each of the above categories.

Please watch for this campaign and let your friends know about supporting PET during December with a donation.

MEL'S COLUMN: "PETS CREATE PERSONALITY"

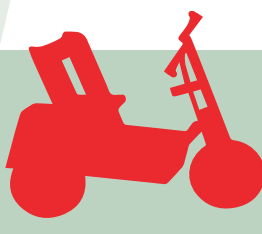


As Seun Oke's visit ended here I wrote: "Thanks to those who worked so hard and did such a good job of making Seun Oke's visit and tour in the USA such a meaningful and historic experience for PET. I am highly pleased. We got to know rather well a PET recipient as a human being with the same kinds of dreams, hopes, problems and joys as the rest of us. We saw a wonderful African lady who is determined to make her mark in the world despite a physical problem (polio) that would have many of us reeling. And we saw the role of PET in making it possible for her to achieve that.

"Now, as we roll PETs off the assembly line we can realize that they are going to the "Seun's" of the world – to sisters and brothers who will partner with us to make the world a better place. We now know a PET recipient as a personality as well as a person. We took a risk in inviting Seun, and she took a risk in coming, and it worked out so very well. It was an act of faith. Faith and risk work hand in hand. No faith, no risk. No risk, no faith."

Share her story with your small group, friends or church.

- MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS



“ Your personal truth is your gift to the world.”
 - Jennifer Elisabeth

YOU Sent more PETs to Haiti via OGT! YOUR GIFTS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR A LITTLE GIRL TO RECEIVE A PULL PET



Karen,
 "Remember OGT (Orphan Grain Train) sent us the PULL-PET and I was not sure what to do with it? We visited to a new location last week in Haiti. At the school there was the little girl who could not walk but had to be carried everywhere. Her legs never developed probably due to malnourishment of the mother while carrying her. Well, we brought school supplies and Mercy Meals to the school and also the PULL PET.

Now the little girl is like a little princess on the throne. They love it and it helps the mother so much as to not to have to carry her but can pull her in the PET.

The man pulling her in the below photo is Pastor Bruno, Director of the school."

Sandra

Thanks so much to everyone that made this little girl's miracle possible.



A PET TO NIGERIA: 10 YEARS AGO, REVISITED

PET MO-Columbia sent a PET home with Nigerian Seun Oeke over 10 years ago after she had surgery in Chicago. Through the special efforts of PET International Seun spent 5 weeks in Missouri, Texas, and Florida from September 29 to November 3 to tell her life story.

Seun revealed her determination to live an active life. She overcame paralysis from polio to gain her education. Her grandmother used to "pack" Seun to school on her back. Once the PET came available she became independent. She made it through 3 levels of Nigerian education over 16 years.

With help of friends she used determination to land work in the city offices of Ogbomosho. She rides her PET to the bus stop and to the front door of her office. There she needs a wheelchair to navigate her office space.



While in the Columbia shop, Seun learned how to drill and screw together wood parts so she could improve her old PET. She took home a box of parts. Quickly after returning home she fixed the old PET and gave it away. She had a new style seat PET to take home and the airline checked if for free.

PET International arranged for her trip to coincide with the PI tenth anniversary. The annual conference recognized Larry Hill, Mel West, and the family of Earl Miner. Seun charmed many crowds as she shared her determination story about independence.

Seun Oke has great plans to help more handicapped people she knows. She has an association for the blind and one for the disabled. Her dream with your help is to bring a full load of PETs to her country. PET TX-Austin is planning on a container of PETs this winter, 175 total. Columbia is sending 23 small PETs. Donations are being received to help with shipping and container costs of \$4,800.



With your continued help PET is affecting many Seuns of this world. Time is short.

YOUR GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE & MOBILITY:



Dumsani Dlamini came to a Luke Commission mobile hospital outreach to see the doctor and hopefully to receive some medications for his aches and pains.

He came “driving” his PET cart, though the road was especially muddy that day. “As long as the chain is greased, I move,” he laughed.

The 40-year-old Swazi has not been able to walk since birth. Last year when TLC came to his community, he was given a PET so he could be a little more independent and move around on his own.

He did not go to school. He is not married. Twin sisters care for him, but one is not well herself. One has a baby.

Dumsani travels 3 kilometers a day in his PET cart.

“This type is good for me,” he said. “I have another type of wheelchair that has small wheels and is not so good on my homestead.”

Dumsani also has learned to use crutches to go ever-so-short distances. He “pedals” his PET with his hands and arms.

“Thank you for helping me,” he repeated several times, after Dr. Harry treated him and TLC team greeted him.

BY JANET TUINSTRAL FOR THE LUKE COMMISSION IN SWAZILAND

HANDS OF MERCY DELIVER PET CART TO STEPHEN IN SOUTH SUDAN



“I am back from South Sudan and sent you a picture of the one PET we took over a year ago to Stephen, a man served at Hands of Mercy. The PET vehicle has held up well in Sudan climate and I am trying to find a way to get more over there.”

Pat

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

“WHEN ALONE, SERVE OTHERS FOR COMFORT”

Friday morning in the shop is filled by two persons each who lost spouses and find helping others to mobility as fulfillment. Lavonne Patterson, 84, lost her husband 14 years ago after supporting him in his ministry. She has traveled in mission to Guatemala, New Zealand, Honduras and Kentucky.

Carl Yager, 78 years young, found himself alone 3.5 years ago. Carl brings his mechanical engineering experience as a tool engineer from Hubbell Power and Diversified Products. Carl works a shift at the Food Pantry and then to PET.

PET Columbia says Thank You to Lavonne and Carl. You too can join us in serving others.



DIRECTOR’S DESK:

“GIVING SEASON IS UPON US”

As 2014 year begins to wind down, let us review the PET progress for the year. The shop is on track to assemble 1,350 PETs of 3 styles. That is a miracle gift for all those who will receive that gift of mobility around the world. Columbia just shipped to Ecuador 175 PETs and has two containers on hold to India waiting for the NGO receiving them to qualify for tax exempt status with the Indian government. Warehouse space has been a premium since June when one shipment was scheduled to load. Never the less the assembly crews want to keep building and we do.

Discussion has begun at PET International level to consider that maybe a PET affiliate would align itself with a few countries and provide the container shipping costs for those loads. Columbia has done a little of that with Hope Haven International Ministries in Guatemala. Our budget of \$250.00 per PET is set to assemble and ship a PET to a warehouse in the USA. The NGO provides the container expense typically. A recent shipment of 11 smaller (child) PETs to Minnesota destined for Tanzania costs \$37.00 per PET. Shipping has become a larger expense for each PET. Would you consider adding the shipping costs onto your gift of \$250.00 for a PET?

All PETs are built on faith with no predetermined country assigned. PET MO-Columbia has supplied the smaller (child) PETs this year for loads being shipped from other PET affiliates. And will continue to send where the need is found. We continually add donated parts to the assembly in attempts to keep the cost lowered. The suggested donation of \$250.00 has not changed since PET began. Will we be able to hold the line in 2015?

Our website offers you many options on how to give; check the Help option on the top menu at our website: www.giftofmobility.org/give.

Here are some ways to give that you may not have thought about.

1. We processed donated stocks and bonds.
2. We received donations from Church Vacation Bible School.
3. We have joined with CoMoGives.com for December 1-31. A small \$10.00 minimum gift will help us win the challenge grant for most givers through the Community Foundation of Central MO.
4. We have several wood cutting groups buy the wood and welders buy the steel for PET parts.
5. We are listed as a United Methodist Advance Special #982665. No fees are assessed.
6. We had a serious inquiry into life gift annuity through the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.
7. When shopping online at Amazon, designate PET Missouri Columbia Inc to receive 0.5%.
8. We receive Lutheran Thrivent Choice Dollars as ID: 515873317.
9. We daily open mail with Gifts in Honor or Memory of a loved one.

PET gives Thanks for Each Gift we Receive. Tis the Season to Give.

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER



“Being gifted doesn’t mean you’ve been given something. It means, you have something to give.”

- Anonymous

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY

Bill Appelgate by Florence Vold, Dorothy Appelgate, Richard & Katherine Munsen, Dennis & Virginia Michel, Jerry & Katherine Sowers, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Spohnheimer, Allan & Evelyn Bentley, Pat Danger, Jeffrey & Anita Drake, Verle & Linda Haupt, Peter & Janet Hermanson, Sara Anne Dappen, Ronald & Juliann Ahrens, Norman & Norene Alper, David & Susan Amensen, Philip Anderson, Mary Tibbs, Richard Appelgate, Michael & Holly Welch Jennifer Brekhus by Marilyn Sudbrock

Whitney Hicks by Shankha & Zarrine Banerji, Harry & Jeanne Oldweiler, B. R. & Darlene Londeree, Helen Crawford, Tommye Stolt, John & Joane O’Connor, Don & Sally Schilling, Larry Scheuchzer, Charles & M. Jane Rabeni, Angela & William Blankenau, Sarah Pleasant, Margaret Wingo, Marcia Smith, Glen & Jaque Shank, Carol Gault Lane, Richard & Nancy Muzzy, E. M. & Kerry Hollander, James & Verna Rhodes, Lawrence & Marilyn Ganong, Harley & Mary Schlichting, Darwin & Axie Hindman, Earl & Jean Cecil, Ronald & Myrna Powers, Charles & Karen Touzeau, Mark & Lynn McIntosh, Tom & Beth Sweeney, Anne Marie & Alexander Pickard, Mary Gillmore, Mark & Carol Virkler, Mel & Barbara West, Robert & Marjorie Idol, W K Bedunnah, Stephen & Joan Mudrick, Margaret Tyler

Carroll Anderson by Florence Vold

Bill Appleby by Minna Appleby

Gali Bhaqvandoss by John Paul Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Bert B. Bouma by Herman & Angela Bouma

Alix Casteel by Margaret Tyler

George Cekuhar by Donna Wagner

Othmar Ebert by Glenn & Barbara Rolf

Robert “Rob” J. Duncan by Austin & Tammie Keith

Barbara Herlong by Joyce Smith

Jim Starkebaum by Bethel United Church of Christ Memorial Fund

Dr. Sam D. Thomas by Frieda Thomas

James Allen Wall, Sr. by Matt, Natalie, Hannah & Rossetti Clecton

Arthur Werle (Dad of Janet, Gail, Marsha & Families) by Dorothy Nolan, Karen McLaughlin

Art Witt by Dean Murphy, Ruth Witt

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

David Andrews’ birthday by Scott & Margaret Andrews

Marsha & Randy Burns’ 46th anniversary by Donna Wagner

Fancy Creek Church’s anniversary by Randolph Methodist Church

Whitney Hicks by Bruce & Barbara Bearg

Christine Houser – Happy 40th Anniversary from husband Ron Houser

Bobby & Lynn Jones by Judy Matheny

Dick Ohrt by Kenneth & Carol Barnes

Richard & Nancy Ohrt by Kara Cruickshank

Lisa & Catherine Korreect by Jeanette Korreect

Jennifer Mason by Mel & Barbara West, Weldon Beach, Harold & Jan Beach, Austin & Tammie Keith

Diana Rudloff’s birthday by Kim Rudloff

Mel West by Mary Frances Potter, Louise P Larson

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 Tel: 573-886-7877

