



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

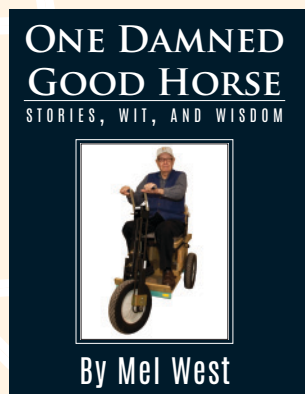
## MY NEW CAR

### SEVEN YEAR OLD ANGEL IS THRILLED WITH THE SMALL CART YOU SENT.

Angel, a Honduran boy born with two club feet, had surgery at the age of seven to try to correct that problem. During the surgery, he contracted an infection and one entire leg had to be removed. The loss of the leg resulted in a two-month long hospital stay, and Angel would repeatedly ask, “Where is my leg?”

The Childspring organization contacted Mobility Worldwide and got a Mobility Cart for Angel at no charge to his family. The first time he saw the cart, his eyes brightened and he said to his mother, “You go walking and I will go in my new car.”

Angel’s disposition changed as he gained independence. His opportunity to move about and be free brought much joy to his family, neighbors, and friends. His mother shared, “He can move by himself and this makes his life so much better. He is very fast with his car. He goes to the market by himself. He gives rides to his friends. He feels like he is driving a car. It is the best gift he could have received.”



Excerpt from chapter 6 of Mobility Cart stories. A book of Mel’s writings follows his life, his work and his ideas on living and helping. They are available for \$20 with all proceeds going to build & ship more carts. Drop in at the shop and pick up or mail your check for \$25 with postage and note ‘Mel’s book’ in the memo line. Your additional gifts are welcome.

Moving Forward  
Together for  
25 Years!

# YALE FORKLIFT MAKES NEW HOME

USED FORKLIFT IS GETTING NEW WORKOUT LOADING MOBILITY CARTS AND MORE.



The dead lined CAT and sick Clark forklifts have been hauled away. A used Yale was delivered in their replacement for \$12,000. We are back in business in the warehouse. Ohio Lions, Inc. District 13 OH6 made good on their forklift pledge of \$4,000 in September. **Thanks to Lion Jim Georges who read about our need in our email Update and responded quickly.** It's not too late to get in on the forklift revival. You can still send a gift toward the \$8,000 balance.

– Gary Moreau, Executive Director

Forklift finds new purpose.

# AMAZON DONATES WHILE YOU SHOP

We are an approved charity of the AmazonSmile Foundation. To choose to support Mobility Worldwide Missouri Columbia as your designated charity, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5640563>. When ordering from Amazon, go through smile.amazon.com then proceed as usual. Once you choose our mission, smile.amazon.com remembers for you when entering through the Smile web page each time. You'll see a note of your support at the top.

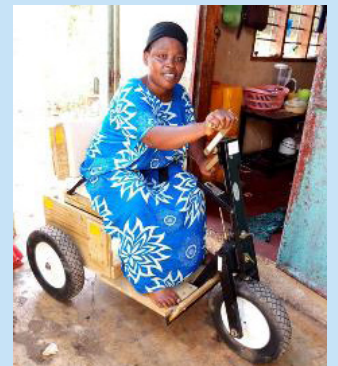
Amazon donates .5% of purchase of eligible products to charitable organizations selected. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Amazon has been depositing donations into our bank account quarterly for 5 years. \$753 has been received to date or 2 carts worth. This year the deposits have averaged about \$100 a quarter or over 1 cart in 2019.

## \$20,000 Match On The Way

One of our many faithful donor families offered a match this fall. We received many gifts to help us easily reach the challenge for new donor gifts or increased giving by our current supporters. In addition, five families signed up for ACH (automatic clearing house) monthly giving through their checking accounts. This totaled \$284 each and every month by debit going forward. We are always grateful and appreciate all your confidence in how we use your gifts and the Mobility Carts we give away for free to those most in need. This challenge inspired one family to increase their annual gift to \$90,000.

Our director had also mentioned in the October newsletter, that we had over produced carts and had eaten into our operating reserve. So he gave a vacation to our assembly volunteers in August. With all the amazing gifts this fall, our production teams are back to full force. We still need your continued support to keep up the 35 large, small, and Pull carts a week or build even more.

THANK YOU!! – Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator



Janet had an accident 3 years ago.

# GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER:

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



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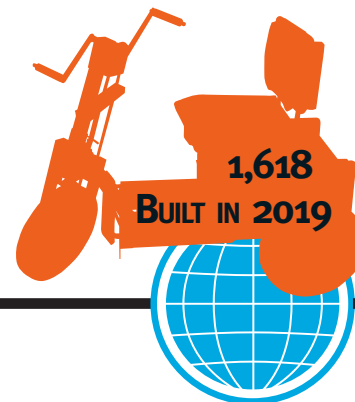
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## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Betty Schuler Altheide by Margaret Henrichs
- Charley Christy by Shelia & Pat Christy
- Randy Church by Minna Appleby
- Mark Conard by Joyce Conard
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Charles Fulhage by Jane Fulhage
- Dawn Harbison by Jack Harbison
- Greyson and Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Bertha Lee Magruder by Garry Magruder
- Norma Miller by Lois & Clifford Elliott
- Earl Miner by Kenneth and Mary Henderson
- Harry Moreau by Jo Ann & Jack Blaylock
- Whitney Hicks by John & Joane O'Connor
- Carol and Dale Sechler by Stephen Dolan & Lisa Sechler
- Pam Van Cleve Tebow by Charles & Barb Kribbs
- William Woodyard by Imogene Woodyard
- Jimmy Wilbur, Mevin Eugene, and Lester Dale Algieri by Tom & Vivian Algieri
- Art and Ruth Witt by Judith Witt-Croswhite

## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Wanda Evans by John Evans
- Wendie Hansen by Wesley UMC Women
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- MOUMC Tai Chi class by Sandy Matsuda
- Terry & Judy Peters by Linda Watkins
- Joe Powell by Lawrence Boston
- June Powell's birthday by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Doris Speckhals' birthday by Ray Speckhals
- Elaine Thompson & Kay Wallace by Elizabeth Ann Morgan
- Mel West by Stephen & Joan Mudrick
- Mel & Barbara West by Saralyn McFarland, David Leuthold,
- The West Family by Martin West



# 80,000<sup>TH</sup> MOBILITY CART CELEBRATION

## OUR FOUNDER WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT OUR MISSION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Mel West started our shop in 1994 and was the leading drive that began our national level organization in 2004. He joined over 80 volunteers from US and African production shops at our annual conference in Austin last September. Our founder (on cart) checks out the specially made 80,000<sup>th</sup> Mobility Cart with parts from 24 shops. Mel is joined by our national leaders from left to right: John Rudd, incoming board chair; Scott Walters, Executive Director; Jim Conn, outgoing board chair. Once again, Mel West inspired us to continue the great need of building and supplying appropriate mobility for those with leg handicaps. We appreciate his great leadership and care for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Mel & Barbara West will be honored for their Outstanding Spirit of Philanthropy in November. In connection with the National Philanthropy Day Celebration, the AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals) Central MO Chapter will recognize the Wests for their tireless efforts to raise funds and helps those around the globe.



Mel West on 80,000<sup>th</sup> cart.

# Giving From Your IRA - RMD

Retirees can give up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free from an IRA, 403b or 401k and have it count as their required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. As you know, if you are over age 70½, the government requires you to take out a minimum distribution before the end of the year. If you want to give some of that money to a charity, like Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia, you can now make a tax-free transfer from your IRA, 403b or 401k and keep the distribution out of your taxable income. That could ensure that most or all of your Social Security benefits remain tax free and also help you avoid the Medicare high income surcharge. You can give your RMD to charity anytime during the year.



**Can I withdraw the money from my IRA and then write a check to charity, or do I need to transfer the money directly?**

The tax-free transfer won't count if you withdraw the money from the IRA first and then make a contribution to the charity. You need to transfer the money directly from the IRA to the charity for it to count as the tax-free transfer. Ask your IRA, 403b or 401k administrator for assistance or call the MW office about making a direct transfer. If you have check-writing privileges for your IRA, you can write a check directly to Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia.

## REMEMBERING OUR PROMISES (Located on our website under "About")

We make the best effort to use your gifts wisely and to help the most persons possible. We have a working relationship with Gerding, Korte and Chitwood CPAs to provide annual oversight. They also assist with questions during the year and provide occasional training as needed.

**Promise No. 6. We promise financial fidelity.** We will work efficiently, making the most of every dollar or other gifts that you provide. Using the gifts of volunteers and networking with cooperating agencies, we will make every effort to get the most possible mission out of every gift you give. Strict accounting and an annual audit or review are standard procedure. A pdf of our last report by a CPA firm can be emailed upon request.

**Note:** Be sure to contact your tax advisor for your specific situation.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ carts at \$300.00 each.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ carts sent to Kenya at \$55 each for extra shipping expense.

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

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

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

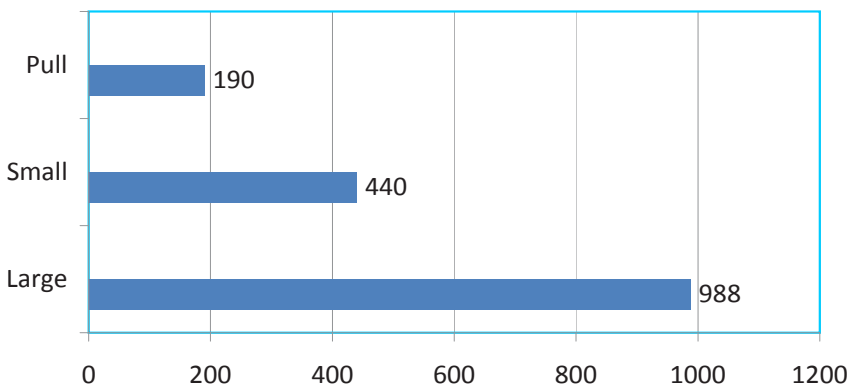
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## Oct 22, 2019 YTD Cart Production = 1,618



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# MEL AND BARBARA WEST CART CENTER COMING

## COMPLETION OF THE NEW WORKSHOP IS SLATED FOR SUMMER 2020

Volunteers and visitors to the Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia workshop who are used to dodging carts and working in cramped quarters will be delighted to know relief is on the way. Construction has begun on a new, larger workshop, with the transition expected to occur in Summer 2020.

The facility will be located on Meyer Industrial Drive, on the southern edge of Columbia just off Highway 63. **At 12,500 square feet, the building will be significantly larger than the existing workshop, with improved loading docks, larger assembly areas, and a greatly increased capacity for storage. The site also allows for future expansion.** (Pictured: Black banded, boxed carts are stacked high in the back on industrial shelving.)



Rendering of new Mel and Barbara West Cart Center.



Warehouse waiting for outgoing shipments 2017.

our tight spaces for years, but now we will have room to grow and increase our production. Many of our volunteers provided input to what they would like to see incorporated in the plans, and I believe they will be pleased with the results.”

Those plans add a new feature: a welding workshop. To date, all welding has been done off site. The new building will include the space and ventilation to allow much of this work to be done in-house, reducing the need to transport metal to and from private facilities.

The Container Project and The Sewing Project will also move to the new building, continuing the close working relationships of all three humanitarian teams. (Pictured warehouse: front row contains boxes of clothes, vitamins, and more waiting for Nicaragua.) The new workshop will also include improved office spaces and a conference room, along with a paved parking area.

Even before construction, the facility already has a name, the “Mel and Barbara West Cart Center.” Longtime board member Jim Wall noted the designation was only fitting.

“Estimates indicate as many as 70 million people around the world have lost the use of their legs due to landmine injury, polio or other illnesses,” Wall explained. “The Wests started Mobility Worldwide 25 years ago, committed to providing mobility to the leg-disabled. Now there are 22 workshops around the country and two in Africa, and volunteers have built and shipped over 80,000 carts to 106 countries. Naming this new building for Mel and Barbara is a way to honor their vision while reminding us all to commit ourselves, as they did, to serving those in need around the world.”

“We’re excited to see the new facility become a reality,” Executive Director Gary Moreau exclaimed. “We have made the best of

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# Giving Tuesday – December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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.

## MEL AND BARBARA WEST CART CENTER COMING *(continued from page 5)*

Perhaps best of all, funding for purchase of the land and construction of the building was provided by very generous benefactors.

“A gift was bequeathed in Herbert Sauer’s will several years ago, which provided the seed money,” Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia Board President Danielle Harrison said. “The balance was provided by Judy and Jim Wall, who saw a need and wished to support Mobility’s efforts to expand and provide even more carts every year. As a result of these

generous gifts, we will no longer have to pay rent, which means that monthly expense can now be reallocated to building more carts.”



Board members Dennis Canote and Dell Epperson review the plans for the new Mobility Cart workshop with Mike Hemme of Coil Construction (center).



Mel and Barbara West

Coil Construction is the prime contractor for the project. Volunteers and interested parties are encouraged to view the plans at the current workshop and drive by the new location to watch the progress. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and move-in date will be announced in the spring.

By Dell Epperson, Board Trustee & member of Building Committee