



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

## STRONG PARTNER DELIVERS YOUR CARTS

### PFC HAS BEEN DELIVERING CARTS SINCE 2017.

Our strongest partnership in the world invites a team to see how your carts changes lives in Kenya. Partners for Care allowed 7 of us from 3 shops/Affiliates to travel around Kenya and see first hand how the carts are making a difference. PFC has been delivering carts since 2017 and total over 3,000 carts. Columbia has provided most of those carts along with Kansas, Twin Cities, Penney Farms and now Stow.

Connie Cheren, PFC President/ Founder says that building a strong relationship with a NGO allows for follow up and reporting the data.

Already published data is showing how our carts make a real difference in lives, something we always knew but being published by Mount Kenya University gives a real validity to our knowledge. (See separate article.)

The photo above is a home for disabled children in the semi-deserts northern Kenya, 22 km from Isiolo. Eight small carts from West MI, Penney Farms FL, and Columbia were repaired, chains tightened, and seats adjusted. You never have all the spare parts you need. All carts in good condition since 2017.

Our group traveled to the maritime/coastal environment Malinde and Gede for two days to see some of the original carts given away. Shocking was the amount of rust and corrosion from the salty weather. Good powder coated wheels and parts had rusted. Not enough to disable any carts but showing discoloration and wear after only 2-3 years.

Other days spent in Nairobi and the slums where PFC has a medical clinic, computer school and literacy school. Young adults are being helped up by learning a trade. Sewing schools in Malinde, Marsabit, we only saw two out of 13 sewing centers, with dozens of the Columbia sewing machines in use (from our warehouse).

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At Divine Providence home

Executive Director visits children with disabilities and performs cart maintenance.



The Sewing Machine Project  
Columbia, MO, USA

# STRONG PARTNER DELIVERS YOUR CARTS *(continued from page 1)*

PFC hires only Kenyans to run their programs. They are dedicated to helping their own become productive citizens. All the staff are supporting themselves after they support their families back in the villages and towns where they came from.



29 year old Francis operates a food stand with his cart & Mini-Mart.



**Nairobi young man, Francis 29, with amputated feet, using a Mini-Mart to sell items at a busy intersection.** The local county Disability Council is a partner with PFC to locate the needy persons.

**In summary, PFC works where many NGO's do not go in Kenya. We saw sewing centers, medical clinics, computer and literacy schools and how they change lives. Mobility Carts are a huge success and looking for more.** PFC has memos of understanding now with two universities, numerous county governments and even has the ear of the Vice President of the Kenyan Government. PFC is evaluating a new resin rotomolded body cart made by Step2 corporation. (This is an R & D project test by our international level organization.) The last day we delivered two carts to two wood body cart owners to let them run with them for a test period. PFC will be following up to see how they hold up. Only to become maybe an option along with a wood body cart. Thank you for supporting our mission to build carts and sending me to evaluate your carts and their use in person.

**- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



## DE LA TORRE MEN GET TO WORK

Three generations came all the way from Jefferson City to volunteer. Gaston De La Torre is a weekly assembly volunteer, promoter and does other tasks. He brought his son Nick and grandsons Oscar, Vincent and Lucas from Chicago. Holidays bring fun surprises to the MW Shop.



**ONE DAMNED GOOD HORSE**  
STORIES, WIT, AND WISDOM



By Mel West

**Our founder's book of stories** is still available for \$20 with all proceeds going to build & ship more carts. Or mail your check for \$25 with postage and note 'Mel's book' in the memo line.

# 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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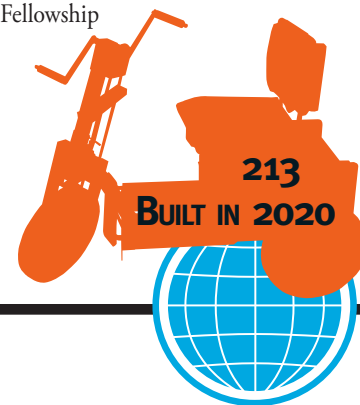


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## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Frank Albert & Henry Michael Powell & Lois Meredith by Joe & Pat Powell
- Marilyn Anderson by Norm Anderson
- Megan Sawyer Ankeney by Harrold & Nancy Ankeney
- Gary Brewer by Sue Brewer
- Rev. Richard Combs by Julie Combs
- Frank Conley by Carla Conley
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- David Gladhart by Trinity United Methodist Women
- Whitney Hicks by Richard Goodwin, John Doll
- Loren Jung by Jess & Doris Lyons
- Linda Louise Knipp by Ray & Linda McKenzie
- William E. Magruder by Garry Magruder
- Liz Meinhardt by Share & Care Group
- Charles Millner by DeKrey, Mathieu, Pearson, Williamson, Faubus Families
- Earl & Leona Miner by Hellen Welch

- Sid Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Bob Ragland by Nancy Howard, Robin Smith, Doyle & Claire Kelley, Linda Day, Roger Hofmeister, Don Van Den Berghe, Gerry Vogler, & Joyce Ragland
- Don & Wanda Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Sons: Bill, Steve, and Ben by Martha Albrecht
- Zack Stidmon by Catherine O'Brien
- Skeet Taylor by Jim & Joanne Taylor
- Joe Turk by Sharon UMW-Dorcas Fellowship
- Harold Wilson by Donna Wilson



## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff
- My Children/Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren: Ferrell/Dudgeon/Russell/Sturgeon/DeOliveira Families by Beth Ferrell
- Kathryn A. Adams by Elmer & Marge Bigham
- Amesville (OH) Federated Parish by David & Bonita Maze
- Ned Azdell by Berry & Jo Azdell
- Bonita Baer, Elizabeth Ann Morgan, Elaine Thompson, and Anne Miller by Kay Wallace
- Bancroft Family by Michael Bancroft
- Norman Bouffard by Joe Wilson
- Glenn & Kate Brown and Janet & Erick Martz by Tom & Mildred Brown
- Columbia Board of REALTORS, MO by Marcia Thrasher, Glenda Hardin, Lauren Baxter, Wanda Northway, Dale Metcalf
- Carla Conley by Allison Farnen
- Joe & Betty Dillard by Mark and Jennifer Dressler
- Jerry Doyle's birthday by Sally Doyle, Lawrence Doerr
- Mark and Jennifer Dressler by Joe & Betty Dillard, Lisa & Bruce Miles
- Family Christmas gift by Lloyd Viehland
- Ferrell, Dudgeon, Russell, Kelley, Young Families by Beth Ferrell
- Fred Fischer by Webberville United Methodist Men
- Myrle Fuller by Don Fuller
- Jeri Furness by Dean & Elaine Tobey
- Susan Heinsz by Megan Heinsz
- Elsie Heller by Burton Heller
- Dr. Roger Hofmeister by Joan Frey
- Larry Hogan by Rebecca Maxson, Andi Kelly
- Jim and Bonnie Howard by Doris & Glendall Stout
- Ron Houser by Chris Houser & Werner Ehlenberger
- Ingstad, Sanderson and Trokey Families by Carol Trokey
- Lisa, Mark, Sandy, Jeff, and Melody Irlle by Martha Louise Baile
- Jesus by Marcella Zellner
- Philip Keithahn's birthday by Steve & Mari Ann Keithahn
- Steve & Julie Koirtyohann by Beverly Jo Forderhase
- Marnie and Layton by Carla Conley
- Dean and Bek Linsenmeyer by Terry & Velma Peck
- Kathy and Andy Maynard by Kathy Perks
- Naomi Millner by DeKrey, Mathieu, Pearson, Williamson, Faubus Families
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Jeff & Barbara Moran by Miller's Creek Community Club
- Elizabeth Ann Morgan by Barb Hewitt, Carolyn Paris
- Gary Moreau by Gary & Jody Vanderwerf, Elsie Heller
- Mildred Moreau by Linda Turner
- Richard Ohrt by Cheryl Greiman
- Anthony and Faith Peters by Linda Watkins
- David Pittman by Paul Pevsner
- Shirlee Poore by Karla Poore-Malaney
- Francine McGuire Popeck by Karen & Charlie Popeck
- Joe Powell by Turf & Joann Martin
- June Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders
- MaKenzie Rogers by Barb & Gene DeKruif
- Diana & Lloyd Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Sander Family by Theodore Sander, Kathleen & Christian Basi
- Alana Shelare by Marian Milliken
- Robert and Laura Speckhals by Ray & Doris Speckhals
- Jim Taylor by Philip Jost
- Elaine Thompson by Blake Thompson
- John & Dorothy Tomlin by James & Rebecca Hottel
- Joni Troyer by Cathy Troyer
- Betty Sue Veal's birthday & JoAnn Wright's birthday by Minna Appleby
- Carolyn Weneker by Charles & Marie Knowles, Ronald & Gale Crain
- Melodie West by Bonnie Benson
- Mel West by Stan Grebing
- Susan West by Barbara Stephens
- The West Family by Martin West
- Mel & Barbara West by Carolyn Steinhaus, Marcia Nana, Robert & Carol Cannon, Mary Isabel Doak
- Barbara Wolf by Richard & Joyce Wolf

# NEW SHOP BUILDING GOES VERTICAL

## SNOW, CONCRETE, AND STEEL MIX AT CONSTRUCTION SITE.

The 12,500 square foot Mel & Barbara West Cart Center is coming along. On a very cold day in November, we had the groundbreaking ceremony and heard from our Founder, Mel, and our Executive Director. 69 were in attendance. In between snowfalls, work is being coordinated by Coil Construction. Pull by 4825 E Meyer Industrial Drive yourself and check it out (south side of Columbia off highway 63). View a construction slide show at our website's home page.



December 27th, concrete footings are poured.



February 19th, steel framing going up.

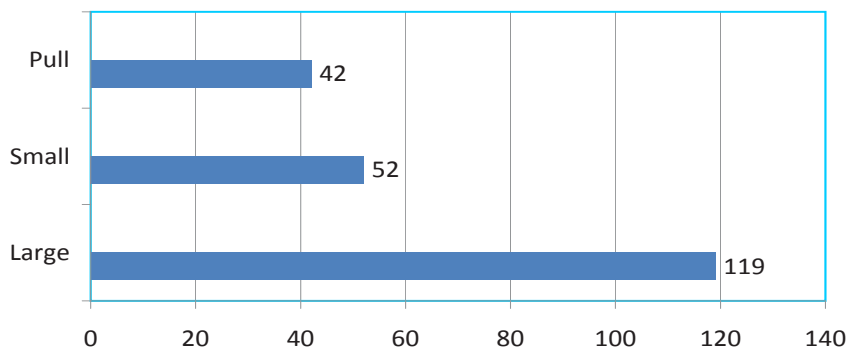
### YOU CAN SHOW GOD'S LOVE THROUGH VBS

Our Vacation Bible School kit includes a leader's guide, 8 part DVD, and more. Children's activities for a mission moment are for Preschool on up.

Check out details at [www.GiftofMobility.org](http://www.GiftofMobility.org) under Get Involved, VBS.

Order your kit for \$15 and a display Mobility Cart.

#### February 11, 2020 YTD Cart Production = 213



### 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  
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# MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY STUDIES CARTS

## A STUDY FOCUSED ON “THE PSYCHO-SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MOBILITY CARTS”.

### “Abstract

*The Kenyan communities just like any other communities anywhere across the globe have their members disadvantaged due to their physical conditions. They are living with, at times multiple disabilities. These members most times rely on family and well-wishers to move from one place to another. The social, economic, emotional and spiritual challenges they face cannot be underrated. Some have even opted to commit suicide in times of ultimate desperation. It's from this background that a Study on The Psycho-Social and Economic impact of Mobility Carts distributed by Partners for Care (PFC) among physically challenged persons was conducted in Kiambu County, Kenya.*

*It involved beneficiaries of fifty (50) Mobility Carts donated.....out of the fifty Mobility Carts that were sampled among PWDs (persons with disabilities) in Kiambu County, in 8 sub-counties, 44 (88%) beneficiaries were reached while six beneficiaries (12%) were unreachable due to relocation to other areas or unavailability.... The study established that the Mobility Cart beneficiaries had a remarkable improvement in their self-esteem, engagement, had facilitated them engage in economic activity, interaction with the family and society had improved and some had gained some degree of self-reliance. **The Mobility Carts have brought an all-round transformation of the lives of many beneficiaries are improving their physical, spiritual and psychological welfare....***

### INTRODUCTION

.... A person who is either born with the disability or acquires it loses independence and acquires a state of permanent dependence on the family, society, and community. The most unfortunate bit is that all those meant to assist the immobile individual have an inherent need to be free and independent. There is a clear dissonance of these two people's needs....

It is estimated that 1.16 million people (26.2%) are mobility impaired in Kenya, according to a 2009 Kenya demographic survey. The proportion of PWDs using assistive devices/support services is quite low. The World Health Organization (WHO 2010) reports that only 5-15% of people who require assistive devices have access to them in middle-income and low-income countries. According to 2008, Kenya Survey for PWDs, the causes of physical disabilities were accidents (27%), diseases (17%) and 15% congenital....”

The study continued to speak on the efforts of the Kenyan government and global organizations to assist with mobility devices available through county assistance and for purchase at private businesses. “Despite all these bodies working together to provide mobility devices, the need for mobility devices surpasses the supply.” Some PWDs discontinued rehabilitation services or did not purchase devices through private businesses because of cost....

*“Read more in our upcoming summer issue”*

**- PHELISTA WANGUI, DEPT. HEAD & PFC**



Cosmopolitan Club sponsored cart with a mini-mart.

## \$11,720 RAISED THRU CoMoGIVES

65 donors (13 new donors) gave thru this county wide awareness program in December. Thank you to everyone who supported our mission. 39 more carts will be assembled and shipped this year; that's over one week's production. *Your help is needed for the other 51 weeks in 2020.*



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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.

## KENYANS DRIVE YOUR SPONSORED CARTS

### NEXT CRAFT BEER AND CARTS EVENT ON JUNE 14.

Last spring the Rotaract Club organized a new fundraising event for Mobility Carts. They found 31 sponsors for a cart raising \$10,155. Thank you for all the decorated carts we shipped to Kenya, Partners for Care. PFC has been sending photos of those recipients. To the right is the first one received that was decorated and sponsored by our very own new shop contractor, Coil Construction. (See the Cosmopolitan Club sponsored cart in the university study article.) Would your business or group like to enter the event this year and try to win the best decorated? Our goal is 50 businesses in 2020. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the closing event - Logboat Brewery Company on Sunday, June 14 from 12-4 pm.

