



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

WHAT'S A MINI-MART?

FLY TO AFRICA AND ASK CHERE FIRSTHAND.



A Mini-Mart kit is designed to enable the Mobility Cart recipient to immediately begin to earn an income. Each one costs about \$25. It contains:

- One 28-quart cooler to sell cold items like drinks or frozen treats.
- One rear deck platform for cooler mounting to the cart cargo area.
- 2 sturdy plastic trays that fit under the seat to hold small items for sale.



Spring 2021, Chere received a large crank Mobility Cart and a Mini-Mart through Partners for Care. Prior to that she had great difficulty walking and used a cane. We have a video of her receiving her cart. The cart was decorated and sponsored by Central Bank through our 2020 Craft Beer & Carts event.

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LATEST FROM THE SHOP

The summer of 2022 has been challenging. Since the end of June, we have been shut down from building any Large or Pull carts. The supply chain for bearings to fit the wheels has been out, which means NO wheels until October. Then we are merrily building small carts and ran out of front forks. Soon that will change, but it has been a roller coaster.

As you can imagine the costs of all items is climbing regularly just like our personal budgets have experienced. Thank you to all who have continued to donate. Your purchases through Amazon Smile caused a quarterly gift of \$104.66 and total have brought in \$1,868.78. Send us your rebate slips from Menards 11% return. We buy several supplies there.

We are joining Partners for Care (GA) in their fundraising efforts to help cover shipping expenses to Kenyan recipients. Their goal is to receive 10 ocean containers from our Columbia shop in 2023 or about 2,000 Mobility Carts. There will be a local watch party at The Crossing Church starting at about 3 pm CST on Sunday, October 23. Details to follow. Go to www.TheVirtualElephant.org to register for bidding.

Donations have been strong through Craft Beer & Carts. Sponsors decorated 115 carts raising a net of \$86,065, and they will be headed to Kenya by the time you receive this newsletter. Photos next spring. And you need to know that we paid Partners for Care to follow up on a selection of distributed carts to see how they perform.

You always have some issues that we can address to make the carts stronger. But the main focus is do the carts help the recipients. Yes, they are making “businessmen” from beggars. (See a “businesswoman” on page 1.) Your support is changing lives. They all say Thank You!!

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Join Partners for Care and Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia

The VIRTUAL ELEPHANT

2022 Virtual Gala
OCTOBER 23, 2022 AT 5:00PM EST

To register, go to www.thevirtualelephant.org
or scan the QR code.

Silent Auction Live Auction Entertainment

\$35,000 SPRING MATCH DEPOSITED

You not only were gracious to send your wonderful gifts so that we could receive the match offer, but you were expedite in doing so. In 1 ½ months, 128 donations for a total of \$37,375 was received. Gifts came from AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, IA, IL, KS, MD, MI, MO, OK, TN, and WI. Thank YOU to all of you and the MO family who generously offered the match opportunity.

REMEMBERING OUR PROMISES

(Located on our website under “About”)

We promise to serve the needs of people as a Christian ministry, but without regards to race, religion, sexual preference or other such factors.

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 Carts to others in need.



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GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Merlin Ackerson by Helen Ackerson
- Jack Barnhouse by Carla McFarland
- Thomas G. Brown by Mildred Brown
- Bill & Doris Bulmer by Terri Collins
- Matilda Chase by Lynn Barnett
- Dad and Larry by Barbara Wolf
- Gaston de la Torre's brother by Kathy Kloepfel
- Rodney Hanson by First United Methodist Church
- Whitney Hicks by Marge Hicks
- Gary Hughes, Don & Thelma Randall by Kathy Hughes

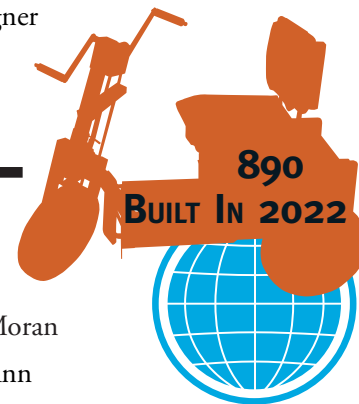
- Matt Jackson by Joe & Pat Powell
- Greyson and Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Naomi Millner by Faye Wiersema
- Mark Northcutt by Berry & Jo Azdell
- Ramona Orr by Dan & Kris Laux
- Rev. James Seibert by William & Rita Henderson
- Dr. Rusty Spieler by Audrey Spieler
- Sass Tracy by Steve & Margie Baima
- Mel Wagner by Anne Wagner

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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Rev. James Seibert by William & Rita Henderson
- 63rd anniversary by Ron & Myrna Powers
- Frank Amos by Evelyn Amos-Matthiesen
- Lori Baumgartner by Joe Miller
- Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley by Timothy & Barbara Newman
- Grace & Ryan Elliott by Lois & Clifford Elliott
- Roger Hofmeister by Catherine O'Brien
- Bob Enloe by Hudson UMM
- Milo Gilbert by Christine Gilbert
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Bobby and Lynn Jones by Gladys Campbell
- Mary Jean Leeper by Elaine & John Thompson, Dave & Carolyn Denton
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- June Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Lloyd and Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Nancy Watson, FPC Vandalia by Richard Watson
- The West Family by Martin West
- Mel West (Founder) by Stephen & Marsha Limbaugh
- Mel and Barbara West 77th anniversary & 98th birthdays by Ed & Myra Kail, Robert & Carol Cannon, Mabel West, Hudson United Methodist Men (see page 6)
- Carl Yager's birthday by Sarah Kurre, David Patterson



CALL TO ALL MO STATE WORKERS & RETIREES

Our mobility mission is an approved charity for the MSECC (MO State Employees Charitable Campaign). Employees or retirees can pick charities and give thru their paychecks or pension checks. Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia has been a part of the fall campaign since 2008; our number is 9009. 2021 fall pledges are sponsoring over 4 carts this year. Our volunteers manned a booth on August 31 to share our story at their kick-off event in Jefferson City.

Please help us spread the word to your friends and families that work for the state of MO and ask them to give mobility through MSECC 9009.

WHAT'S A MINI-MART? (Continued)

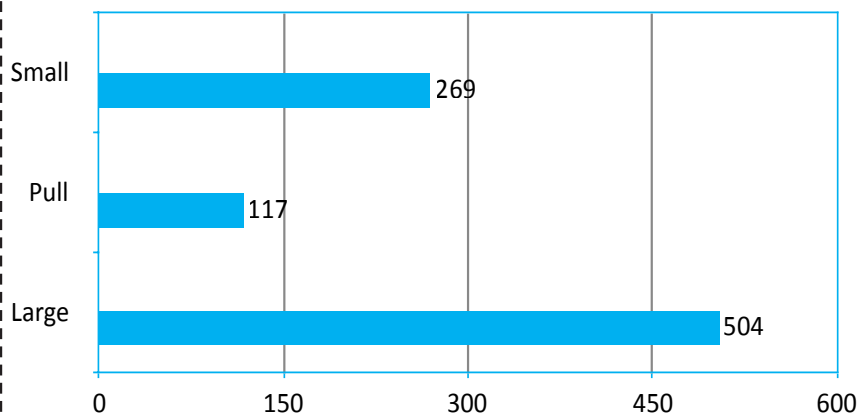
Now jump ahead eight months to November 2021. Our team is in Kenya distributing carts with PFC and come across Chere on the roadside. They stop and become her customers. “She was using her Mini-Mart to sell candy and cookies and frozen treats on the side of the road. Her cart was decorated for one of the fundraisers. We bought most of her goods for the day?” Chris Weisbrook, woodworker volunteer at our shop. The team shared stories and pictures of their trip this past spring at our volunteer gathering.



“THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT POVERTY. WHAT IS NEW IS NOW WE HAVE THE TECHNIQUES AND THE RESOURCES TO GET RID OF POVERTY. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE HAVE THE WILL.”

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

August 16, 2022 YTD Cart Production = 890



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 \$350.00 each.

\$_____ for _____ set of tires. Set of 3 tires & wheels at \$80 for each cart.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:
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115 CARTS HEAD TO KENYA IN MANY DESIGNS

MARCELINE UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH WON BEST DECORATED.

Our annual Craft Beer & Carts event has grown tremendously from 31 decorated & sponsored carts in 2019 to 115 in 2022. This fundraiser was the brain child of the young members of the Rotaract Club. They continue to work with our director to organize the event and find sponsors for Mobility Carts. A family, or church group, or business will sponsor a cart for \$350 and decorate it.

The MU Greek Week committee chose our mobility mission to be one of three charity benefactors. They took 15 carts, decorated them, held relay races on campus in April, and worked out at the shop. Some of their committee also attended at our volunteer gathering and spoke. Overall they raised \$105,000 with a third coming to us in July. We are excited by all their energy. Their carts actually shipped out on an earlier overseas container to Partners for Care in Kenya.

On July 17, 100 decorated carts were delivered to our new location this year at the MU Health Care Pavilion in Columbia. We sold 333 wristbands, and maybe had another 100 attended briefly and did not stay. Live music entertained along with food and drinks. Attendees voted on their favorite cart.



MU Greek Week sponsors 15 carts and gives \$35,000.



Marceline United Women of Faith Orpha Circle
– People's Choice



Aurora Organic Dairy - Rotaract's Favorite

The winning decorated cart was the crowd favorite from Marceline United Women of Faith Orpha Circle, and the Rotaract's favorite was one of three by Aurora Organic Dairy (2021 won People's Choice). Staff from our partner in Kenya, Partners for Care, shared their music. They will be receiving these carts later this fall or early 2023. We had attendees that traveled from Kenya, Atlanta, Oklahoma City, Wyandotte KS, and Odessa & central MO. **Thank you all for attending, bringing friends and sponsoring carts to change someone's life. Thank you to our event sponsors ProEnergy Services from Sedalia, Mizzou Greek Life and Wyandotte United Methodist Church of KS.**



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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.

OUR FOUNDER ENJOYS LIFE!

Mel West is doing well. He drops by the shop occasionally. In April, he came to our volunteer banquet and addressed our dedicated team (pictured). In May and June, Mel and Barbara celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary and their 98th birthdays. Congrats to both of you.



In his retirement, he started our Mobility Cart mission project in 1994. This early picture is of an Afghan man who received a cart in December 2005. He was using portions of tires to protect his leg stubs (perhaps from a landmine). To date, our mission family has produced and shipped over 90,000 carts to 106 countries. Over 29,000 of those have been built at our Columbia shop. That’s what one request to Mel and all of you helpers have accomplished.



Afghanistan 2005