



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

**MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.**

## PASTORS DELIVER MORE CARTS

### PULL CARTS ARE DISTRIBUTED THIS TIME IN MALAWI THROUGH PARTNER OF OGT.

*“Good morning Gary, Our recipient in Malawi has been continuing to distribute Mobility Carts from Orphan Grain Train through his network of pastors around the country. Attached are several photos he shared recently. Thank you so much for blessing each of these people with mobility!”*

*Have a great Monday, Rita Fonder, Orphan Grain Train International Shipping Assistant” May 2022*



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# CELEBRATIONS ARE PLENTIFUL

## ANNIVERSARIES AND SERVICE ARE HONORED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

We just celebrated 2 years in our new shop. Pictured here are some of our landscaping efforts. The tree saplings (donated as part of our construction) around the sediment retention basin are coming along on the northside of our property. To the east side, our volunteers have created a pollinator plot complete with bird houses and such. It's still wonderful to tell visitors during tours that the building is completely paid for.



Lucy's pollinator plot emerges.



Ten years ago on September 1, 2012, Mel West (our founder) began mentoring Gary Moreau as our new Executive Director. Gary had already been a volunteer. Thankfully he has continued to lead us to continued success and to a new building and level in our mission. We held a little surprise on three days before his 10-year anniversary. People came to congratulate Gary, have a little treat, and some toured as they had not seen our new facility yet. Mel showed on day 1 to join the celebration. Others like Partners for Care staff in Kenya sent their messages via email or card.

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Yoda and Luke fight immobility for 28 years.

If you like to give online through CoMoGives, we are participating again. It is a county project of the Community Foundation of Central MO. It will begin with Giving Tuesday on November 29th. Our goal is \$22,000. Let's see if we can break last year's record of \$19,878. Your continued support is always appreciated.



# GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER:

We appreciate all the donors and families who have chosen our Mission 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:

- Marilyn Anderson by Norman Anderson
- Aunt Katie by Penny Wallach
- Bo Bo and Paw Paw Davis by Kay & Bill St. Onge
- Jane Davison by Carroll & Leann Baker
- Debbie's birthday by Gene & Dana Harris
- Becky Ertz by Gordon & Mary Cho
- Maurice Gebhardt and Ron Crouse by Lynn Barnett
- Harrington and Ruppel families by Rick & Mary Ruppel
- Mary Knutson by Jonnie & Marilyn Kerrick

- Ramona Orr by Dan & Kris Laux
- Bill & Shirlee Poore by Karla Poore-Malaney
- Carol & Dale Sechler by Stephen Dolan & Lisa Sechler, Dave & Teena Ligman
- Jack H. Smith by Joyce Cox Smith
- Betty Thomas by Rex Thomas
- Sue Turner by Max & Anne Miller, Larry & Aileen Garvin, Lynn Barnett

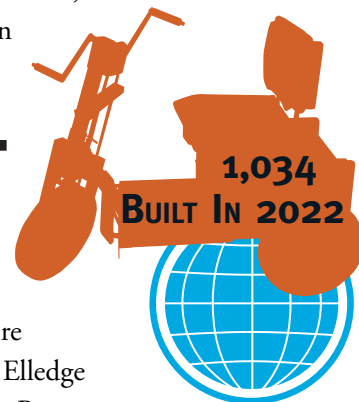
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## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Cherie Peters, Jesse Peters, Eliece Peters, Cody Negrete, Tim Peters, Judy Peters, Terry Peters, Robert Negrete, Jeff by Linda Watkins
- Peggy Barjenbruch, MD by Marylin Sudbrock
- Dr. Gladys Campbell by Minna Appleby
- Rob Freeman by Margaret Freeman
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Jan Niles by Jim & Joanne Taylor

- Don & Wanda Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Stephanie by Susan Rooney Elledge
- Edgar Stoesz by Susan Stoesz Bauman
- Imogene Sullens by Helen Stairwalt
- Mel & Barbara West by David & Judy Moose
- The West Family by Martin West
- Mel West (Founder) by Stan Grebing, Frances & John Ware
- Kayla Westcott by John Muir



Virtual Elephant Triumphs in October. We joined Partners for Care in their fundraising effort to raise \$100,000 to help ship 10 overseas containers of Mobility Carts to Kenya in 2023. In addition to auctioned items from baskets to trips, one donor matched all straight-out donations \$ for \$. **The 1 ½ hour virtual event raised \$105,000 including the matching funds.** Thank you to everyone who participated whether from your couch at home or at a party.

## SUMMER AID SAILS TO SIERRA LEONE

This summer seven shipments headed out to Partners for Care in Kenya (336 carts), Orphan Grain Train for worldwide distribution (30 carts), Cameroon (40 carts), Africa Surgery (10 carts), and to Sierra Leone (170 carts). Mobility Salone in Sierra Leone has been connected for many years to our mission family. They have produced carts, done repairs on older carts from supplies we have sent, and returned feedback on cart conditions. Here is a picture from the hot loading day on July 29 for Sierra Leone.

Mobility Carts: 130 from Columbia, 40 from MWW Kansas; 10 Mini Marts, box of fasteners, and MANY crutches, walkers and more; 33 sewing machines from the Sewing Machine Project



Hot load day for Sierra Leone.

# \$55,000 SUMMER MATCH A SUCCESS

Once again, you answered the call to help us receive a \$55,000 match by sending the needed gifts in 6 weeks.

169 donations for a total of \$55,266 was received toward the Match. Gifts came from 24 states and DC. **Your generous dollars nicely covered the 1,440 large tires & wheels that arrived in October at a cost of \$38,083.** Thank YOU to all of you donors and the MO & WA families who generously offered the match opportunity.

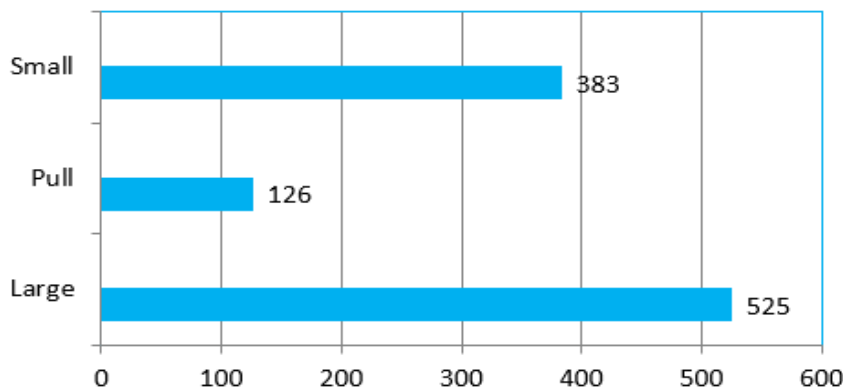


**We promise** to be true to our mission, that of providing THE GIFT OF MOBILITY to those most in need.

“A DIAMOND IS A PIECE OF COAL THAT STUCK TO THE JOB.”

- MICHEL LARSON

October 25, 2022 YTD Cart Production = 1,034



## 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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# CELEBRATIONS ARE PLENTIFUL (Continued)



Mary, PFC Mobility Cart Director in Kenya.

*"It is always a joy for me when I give out a Mobility Cart, the smiles it brings, the feeling of renewed hope, that is simply priceless! So many lives have been changed thanks to you and many more will be changed! We will one day achieve our goal of making Kenya mobile! May God continue blessing you! Thank you, Gary and congratulations for everything you have done to impact lives! ~Mary Wang'ang'a"* Mary is part of Partners for Care's staff in Kenya. She is pictured here with a recipient. We are grateful for her enthusiasm and energy to help those in need of mobility.

*"Columbia South Rotarians joined with Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia friends to present Rev. Mel West with Rotary International's Excellence in Service to Humanity award, given to only few around the world each year. At 98 years young, Mel can still hold an audience with his stories of a life very well lived. Congratulations, Mel, and thank you!"*



Dr. Roger is our Golden Sprocket – Congrats!

Roger (not Waldo) pictured in one other story in this newsletter. We are very lucky to have all these dedicated persons involved to expand the distribution of the Gift of Mobility.

This past year, a long time Mobility Worldwide volunteer, Jim Conn, in MN and past international board chair passed. We were grateful to have him at the helm and for the passion he gave for those with leg handicaps. An annual award was created in his memory called the Jim Conn Golden Sprocket Leadership Award. All the shops were invited to nominate someone. Our Columbia shop nominated Dr. Roger Hofmeister, and he won. It was presented to him at the annual conference in September (pictured with some of the Conn family). Roger was part of our Columbia shop from almost the beginning. He joined our leadership committee in 2000 before we became a separate 501c3 with a board. He has been a continual presence at our shop including shop coordinator and board Trustee in some years. But he is also involved at the international level including chair of their Medical Advisory Board. See if you can find

**- KATHY MAYNARD, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Songbird Station will be donating 5% on any purchases made on gift and holiday decor and collectibles (including Christmas ornaments) from November 1 until Christmas. These donations would be on all qualifying gift purchases where the buyer says, "I would like you to donate to Mobility Worldwide on this purchase." (This is needed as they are also helping the Columbia Audubon chapter.)

They supply all the boxes for tools and carts, boxing tape, and the engraving for the ID tags. We are grateful for their partnership as they save us thousands of dollars every year. Visit the Songbird Station and see what they offer.



**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.

## PASTORS DELIVER MORE CARTS (Continued)

Orphan Grain Train, our long time distribution partner is headquartered in Nebraska. **Not only does the organization or agency receiving the shipment overseas have to get the container cleared from the port authority, but they also have to get it transported across the country to their compound. Then do light reassembly, haul to the recipient, fit the cart to the recipient, instruct, and perhaps say a prayer for the joyful occasion.**

