

## GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

## PURPLE: EASTER, ROYALTY, YOUTHFUL, LUXURY OR ?

#### WE AT THE MOBILITY SHOP THINK OF PURPLE AS HAPPINESS.



These Kenyan children both had difficulty with their feet and were given a small cart last summer by our partner, Partners for Care. Thank you for helping to set these smiles in motion.







We promise to be truthful and frank in our fundraising efforts, and not to create a monthly crisis, or otherwise unduly make emotional pleas for your support. We do rely upon your gifts. It is the simple fact that the more you give, the more people Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia can help..

# SPRING INTO MOBILITY

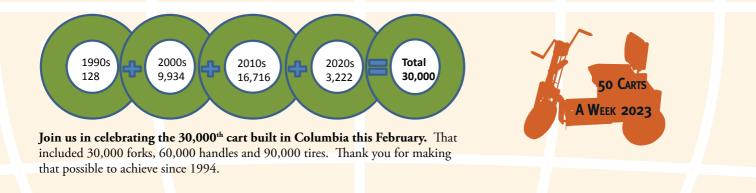
It is spring time in the Columbia shop. And volunteers are bringing alive each week 50 carts. **The budget in 2023 is allowing production each week for 35 large carts, 5 Pull carts and 10 small carts.** We have welding volunteers producing almost all the metal parts in house. Additionally, the Farmer City Welders led by Glen Rolf produce twice a year over 800 brake handles and 200 small frames. We have woodworkers producing wood pieces that keep the assembly teams busy. Additional wood help comes from Warrensburg and O'Fallon, MO.



Eight to ten final cart assembly teams put them all together each week; so that 50 carts are ready for the packing crew on Tuesdays. It all happens because most of the volunteers are coming by friends inviting friends to come and see what is going on. The atmosphere is a fun place to work. Locals are bringing their spouses along to help out. Keeping in mind, that several are working along in The Sewing Machine Project room at the same time. Jim Sandfry repurposed 433 sewing machines in 2022 with many weekly helpers.

Volunteers are coming from all walks of life and finding a real purpose to retirement. Sure, they still travel, take a few weeks off to enjoy family scattered around. But all come back to serve the disabled. We are blessed with the dedication. It makes operating a shop much less painful when parts are slow to arrive.

With the help of all, we have budgeted 2,600 carts for 2023. Will we make it? Will the donors continue to send \$350.00 to build another cart? Pray for us and pray how you can help. Watch for our spring and fall match opportunities.



**Update:** AmazonSmile came to an end on February 20. Amazon has decided to stop this program of giving a % from purchases made to the charity of your choice. We do not know how many of you participated and chose our non-profit. But we know you had; as increasing, quarterly gifts were deposited into our account. Over the last 10 years, we received \$2,025 because you signed up. Seven more lives changed with a Mobility Cart. It all adds up. *THANKYOU* 

# FAMILY HELPED IN TAJIKISTAN

"Good morning Gary, I received some photos of one of the Mobility Carts we sent to Tajikistan recently. This man had part of his leg removed due to diabetes. <u>His wife has the same disease, and a disabled</u> <u>daughter lives with them</u>. Our partner was able to share a Mobility Cart with him.

Thank you to you to Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia for helping make it easier for him to move around! Blessings, Rita Fonder, International Shipping Director, Orphan Grain Train"

OGT is just one of our distribution partners that sends relief to many countries. We can see in the photos that not only did he receive a cart, but also boxes of other supplies/food. We are glad to partner with them.



Tajikistan: amputation from diabetes.



### Gifts Given Last Quarte

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.

#### GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Megan Ankeney by Harrold & Nancy Ankeney
- Dave Andrews by Dunklin Co. Republican Central Committee, Joe & Jana Chandler, Mary Lou Cartlidge, Lisa Dry, Erin & Joe Bartmess, Robert Walsh, Cynthia Harris, and Cindy Andrews
- Shirley Baer by Jeff & Kay Wallace
- Susan Bailey by David Bailey
- Joe Bartmess, Robert Walsh, Cynthia Harris,
- Thomas Brown by Mildred Brown
- Bill & Doris Bulmer by Terri Collins
- James Campbell by Anne Campbell
- Margie Cravens by Kristie Dodge, Birch Funeral Home, Jason Weiker, Mary McLaughlin, Joanne & Angelo Formosa, Sharon Peirce, Elizabeth Bennett, Barbara Phillips, Elaine McDannold, Jaqulyn Kent, Mark & Susan Freese, Richard & Linda Emerson, Aaron Rigdon, Delana Ingels, and Allan & Donna Henderson
- Bill Crippen by Elaine Crippen
- Ed Dingman by Nancy Dreier
- Bill Floerchinger by Bob and Judy Gastrock
- Charlie Fulhage by Jane Fulhage
- Rev. Jim a<mark>nd Virg</mark>inia Hankins by James Hankins
- Pat Hutchinson by Marge Hicks

- Gene Koepke by Deb Koepke
- Ed Johnson by Ron Magruder
- Loren Jung by Jess & Doris Lyons
- Gene Kelly by Judy Alexiou, Jennifer Davis, Maria Saltzman, Wayne & Linda Porath, Amy Marrero, Martha Libbus, Gail White, Glenda Kelly, Larry & Virginia Propp, Sandra Denbow, Mahree Skala, Karen Rogers, Bonnie & Tommy Jarvis, Pat Simon, Gary & Marion Moreau, Martha Trammell, and Susan Devaney

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- Shauna Lilly by Christine & Ron Houser
- Gene and Rena Moore by Wilson T. & Debbie Jones
- Mary Neely by Alan & Susan Wessler and Bonnie Marshall
- Susan Schmidt by C E Gene Schmidt
- Lydia Schoene by Charles Schoene
- Andrew Pratte by Kay & Bill St. Onge
- Jim Sexton and honor LaVer Sexton by Washburn UMC
- Don & Wanda Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Rev. Robert Smyres by Franklyn Amos
- Sue Turner by Max & Anne Miller, Larry & Aileen Garvin, Lynn Barnett
- Michael, Karen & Jim Walters by Catherine O'Brien
- Trev Zander by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff

- GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:
- All volunteers at Mobility Worldwide MO-Col by Patricia & Peter Dalum
- Frank Amos by Evelyn Amos-Matthiesen
- Emily Barnes by James Barnes
- Elmer Bigham by Marjorie Bigham
- Tom Brennan & Alicia Buoni by Michael Smith & Kristen Brennan
- Children, grandchildren, and great- grandchildren by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff
- John & Heather Darby by Kathy & Andy Maynard
- Mark and Jennifer Dressler by Lisa & Bruce Miles
- Jack Ewing by Gladys Campbell
- Myrtle Gibbs and the Staff at General Printing by Mel & Barbara West
- Donald Glascock by Stephanie Roecker
- Grandchildren by Carol Royer
- Walt Hays and John Pascoe by Bob and Judy Gastrock
- Elsie Heller by June Vickery
- Roger Hofmeister by Brian & Laura Hofmeister
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Marty Snider Kauffmann, and Lisa, Mark, Sandra, Jeff, and Melody Irle by Martha Louise Baile
- Khloe, new great granddaughter by Bill & Vicky Ferretti
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lindquist by Michael & Annette Joneson
- Shirley Meinert by Matt Meinert
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Gary Moreau by Sharon Marienfeld

- Richard Ohrt by Cheryl Greiman
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- Marvin Rogers by Janet Rollins Berry
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Terry Smith by Michael Smith & Kristen Brennan
- Alice & Sam and Georgia, June & Waylon Tidmarsh by Lynnanne Baumgardner
- John and Dorothy Tomlin by James & Rebecca Hottel
- John Tomlin by Brenda Herring
- Mary Tribble by Gloria Young
- Luke Troyer and Holly and Matthew Caldwell by John & Joni Troyer
- Lloyd Viehland by Deborah Kagay
- Kay Wallace & Elaine Thompson by Elizabeth Ann Morgan
- Pastor Harry & Marian Walls by Patty & Paul Brown
- Mel West by Kay Carothers
- Mel & Barbara West by Ed & Myra Kail, Harold & Patsy Garner, Glen Ehrhardt, Robert & Carol Cannon
- The Wests by Martin West
- Barbara Wolf by Richard & Joyce Wolf
- The Russell, Dudgeon, Kelley, Sturgeon, Young Families by Beth Ferrell

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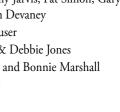




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# SAVE THE DATE

CRAFT BEER & CARTS 2023, Sunday July 16, MU Health Care Pavilion at the Farmer's Market in Columbia.

#### Fall Drives Supply 56 Carts

4 carts were payroll pledged through **MSECC** (**MO State Employees Charitable Campaign**).

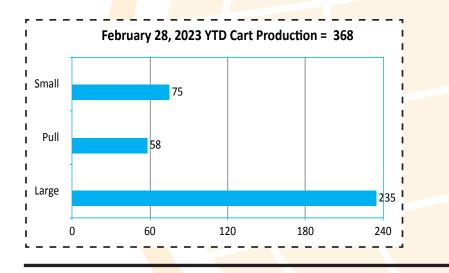
52 carts were given by 86 families through **CoMoGives (county drive)**.

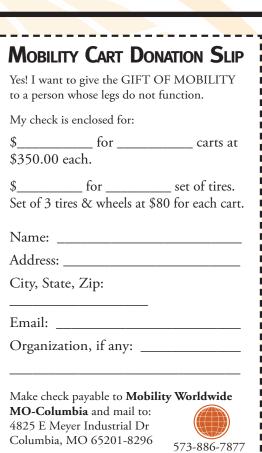
Your continued support is always appreciated. THANK YOU



#### "LET YOUR LOVE OF JUSTICE BE EXCEEDED ONLY BY YOUR LOVE OF MERCY."

- ANON





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# MEET OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

Last November, another work team went to visit Partners for Care's operation in Kenya. While there, they also helped reassemble Mobility Carts and distribute. Participants included from left to right: Lori Baumgartner of First State Community Bank with her granddaughter; Alan & Susan Wessler; PFC Staff, Tim Stowe from Wyandotte United Methodist Church in Kansas City, KS; and Marg Epperson Carlson, member of the Orpha Circle in Marceline, MO. They all support our mobility mission and went to see first hand the need and results of our work.



Tim Stowe"

Alan Wessler joined our board as a Trustee in 2020 and was elected as our president for 2023. He and his wife joined the Work Team

in Kenya. He is working for you in MO and beyond. He has prepared a presentation complete with pictures and videos. Contact us if you'd like to have him come to share with your group. Below is part of his report.

The Marurui slums, home to roughly 25,000 - 30,000 people, was a stark reminder that there are poor and destitute people in the world. (For the most part, we are so insulated from this environment in the U.S.) Still, we are reminded that there is life in this community, that commerce is staking place with some very entrepreneurial people, that every life is valuable, and that disability is not inability. There may be despair, and hopelessness for many, but with the Kenyan government's mandate for education for all kids through high school, people are finding a way to pay for their kids' education, helping them to have a better life. **PFC's initiatives assist in those efforts with their Mobility Worldwide partnership offering Mobility Carts to the disabled, plus providing access to computer, sewing and other skills, providing for access to better health and medical care, and providing access to employment opportunities. It was a most interesting day! Alan Wessler"** 

"Kilifi regional center: Then came the big moment, time to assemble the Mobility Carts! Fortunately, we were each paired with an experienced assembler, or we might still be there. <u>Ten recipients were seated near their carts.</u> <u>Some chose to help assemble as best they could. Some just observed closely</u>.

As each cart came together, the anticipation grew. We helped each to get on board for a test drive. The learning curve to gain motion is a small one and soon they were zipping about. Shouts of glee and, at the least, broad smiles abounded. What a blessing we all felt!





Wesslers use boxed cart as work table.



Recipient helps build his own cart.

# SUPPORT TO ANOTHER LEVEL?

We have been fortunate to have several families sponsor match fundraising drives over the last seven years. **Have you been wondering how you might step up to another level or in a different way to provide more Mobility Carts?** Each person or family offers \$10,000 or more to back a match drive. Sometimes, we combine two sponsors. It could be for this year or next. It could be a one-time offer or repeat. Our donors like to know their gifts will be matched and double the joy. If becoming a match sponsor is something you'd like to explore further, please contact Gary Moreau, Executive Director, at 573-886-7877.



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### GOOD NEWS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

"Greetings,

... This is to inform you, we have offloaded container. It arrived on Sunday morning New Year's Day... We are grateful Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia for the generous donation to make our people mobile. The sewing machines to empower our people. Blessings, Mary Wang'ang'a" Partners for Care staff in charge of mobility distribution across Kenya.

On September 15, 2022, we sent out the container shipment full to PFC. It took 3 1/2 months in transit since leaving Columbia. Contents included 140 Mobility Carts, 50 Mini-Marts, many used devices (walkers, crutches & more), and



Mary helps unload New Year's Day container arrival.

other items from two of our connected partners. In December and February, we sent more overseas containers full with your help. We contributed \$7,173 toward the shipment of the December container that arrived in February.