



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

FATRMA ROLLS TO SCHOOL NOW

POLIO WAS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THIS LITTLE GIRL IN LIBERIA.

“A few years ago, Fatrma developed polio and lost the use of one of her legs. She has been able to get around with the use of a crutch. But the long walk to school was too much for her, and it difficult for Fatrma’s parents to carry her to school. With her new cart this beloved little girl will ride to school as her father walks proudly beside her.” Report from Mobility Worldwide team that distributed our Columbia cart. Here’s a photo essay of the process you helped make possible: crutch to cart to transport home with her father. Thank goodness for loving fathers and those who provide a ride.



Open House

We want to provide more opportunity for you to come see our new shop and operation. Bring your family. Come by after work. Come check out volunteer opportunities.... We look forward to seeing you.

**Thursday
August 17
3 pm to 7 pm**

10+ YEARS AND COUNTING

MORE SHOP VOLUNTEERS ACHIEVE LONG TERM WORK IN MOBILITY.

In March, we held our annual volunteer dinner, which is sponsored by a faithful family. Our founder, Mel West, spoke. Our board president, Alan Wessler, shared his story from Kenya distributing carts. In addition, we recognized Lloyd Viehland (truck driver of parts & general fix it guy), Carl Yager (metal worker), and Dennis Canote (Small Cart assembly) for their 10 years of dedication (pictured with Gary Moreau at left). Ken McLaughlin and Dick Ohrt in IA (both welders) were also recognized for 10 years.



In addition, we paid tribute to Dell Epperson for his 5 years of service as a board Trustee. He finished as our treasurer last year. We are fortunate to have such caring, skilled and dedicated volunteers.

FOUNDER CELEBRATES 99TH BIRTHDAY

Mel West continues to inspire us all with his wisdom, knowledge and energy. On May 24, he celebrated his 99th birthday. He has led an amazing life helping so many around the globe and leading us to join in. He spoke to over 100 at our volunteer dinner in March.



We still have some of his books left full of stories (family, Marines, farming, missions) and history “One Damned Good Horse: Stories, Wit & Wisdom”. \$20 if you pick up in person at the shop. Or mail a check for \$25 and note ‘Mel’s book’ and we’ll mail to you. Proceeds go to building more Mobility Carts.

Quotes from his book:

- Page 48 “Many huge problems today were once small, but we ignored them and let them go to seed.”
- Page 48 “Set a good example. Do what is right, even if others don’t.”
- Page 89 “What we CAN do is so often limited by what we THINK we can do.”



2019 Mel sharing with Connie Cheren, Partners for Care.

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. 2022 fall pledges are sponsoring 4 carts this year. Our volunteers manned a booth last August 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 choose mobility through MSECC 9009.

“YOU CAN’T CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE SOMEONE’S WHOLE WORLD.”

ANDREW GIFFORD

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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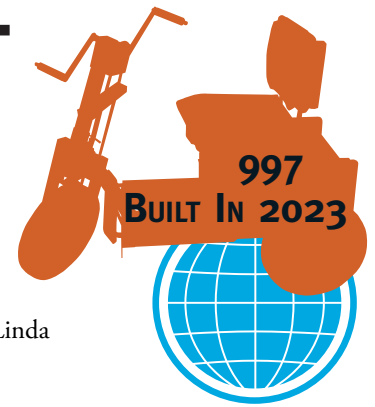
GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Dave Andrews by Bill & Anita Brigance, Elizabeth & Everett Mobley, Marla Roberts, Jean & John Mowrer
- Jim Bellinghausen by Bob & Jane Bellinghausen
- Jean Bolinger by Marshall UMC
- Sharon Ann Rooke Bullock by Bob & Margaret Bullock
- Earl Cecil by Jean Cecil
- Alan Finnegan by Lynn Barnett & Dave Slepser
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Loren Jung by Jess & Doris Lyons
- Patrick "Gene" Kelly by Dane & Rita Zeller
- William Kerr by Berry & Jo Azdell
- Greyson & Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Robert Newman by Timothy & Barbara Newman
- Larry Oliver by Janet Barnett, Grant & Holly Hickman, Karla & Chuck Gregg, Gardner Solar, & Jeanne Lee
- Clara Orr by Dan & Kris Laux
- Ruppel & Harrington parents by Rick & Mary Ruppel
- Dale & Carol Sechler by Dave & Teena Ligman
- James Seibert by Sharon Seibert
- Sisters by Fred & Laverne Blank
- Dave Tucker by Mary Tucker
- Penny Wallach by Wayne & Karen Disegna
- Barbara West by Ray & Linda McKenzie, Barbara Wolf, David & Mary Norbury, Joe & Pat Powell, Rhydonia Harper Duggan, Saralyn McFarland, Ed & Myra Kail, Diana Hanson, Carolyn Steinhaus, Max & Anne Miller, Linda & Richard Evans, Sarah Hill



GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Richard Brashler (and remembrance of) by Anonymous
- Roger, Marge & the Hofmeister kids by Reginald Dusing
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Rev. David Maze by Athens Commandery No. 15 KT
- OLLIS 4th Grade Class - Harrison by David Ries
- LaVonne Patterson by Phil Patterson
- Mel West by H. Frances & John S. Ware, Stan Grebing, Sarah Hill
- Mel & Barbara West by Ed & Myra Kail
- Stacy, Tammy & Maggie Negrete, Troy, Carmen & Havilah Peters, Carly Anderson, Hattie Negrete by Linda Watkins
- The Wests by Martin West



YOU AND SUMMER SUN BRIGHTEN LIVES



Here are two sets of picture reports of those that received carts from our 2022 Craft Beer and Carts. They were distributed February 2023 in Kenya by Partners for Care.



Decorated by Small Groups at The Crossing church.

FUNDRAISER FOR MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO - COLUMBIA



CRAFT BEER & CARTS

PRESENTED BY: Rotaract

FOOD TRUCKS
LEFTY'S KETTLE CORN
OZARK MOUNTAIN BISCUIT
ZYDECO'S CAJUN

ADULTS TICKET \$20
STUDENTS TICKET \$10
KIDS UNDER 10 FREE



\$2,000 MAIN EVENT SPONSOR
\$800 BAND SPONSOR
\$350 CART SPONSOR

SUNDAY JULY 16TH 1 PM - 4 PM

FARMERS MARKET:
MU HEALTH CARE PAVILION
1701 W. ASH ST. COLUMBIA, MO 65203

LIVE MUSIC
C. ROCK CITY & KENYAN MUSICIANS
BROADWAY BREWERY

TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN AT DOOR INCLUDING SPONSOR TICKETS
EACH SPONSOR GETS 2 TICKETS & A CART TO DECORATE

DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:
MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO-COLUMBIA
4825 E MEYER INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
COLUMBIA, MO 65201

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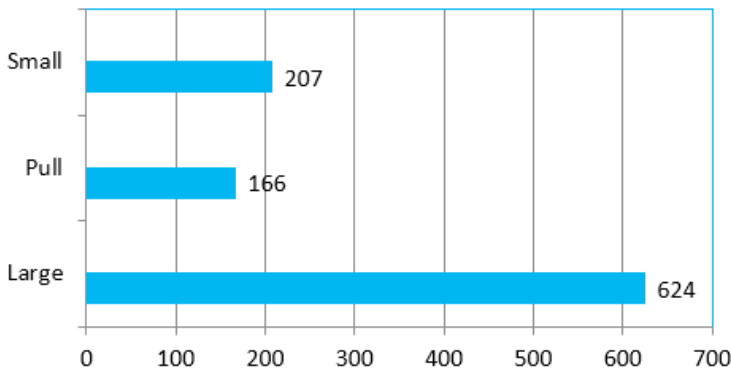
CRAFT BEER & CARTS 2023, Sunday July 16, At the Farmer's Market/MU Health Care pavilion in Columbia. As of this writing, over 90 carts have been sponsored so far. (100 in 2022.) Would you like to sponsor and decorate another; maybe you'll win Judge's or People's Choice in July.

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.

**"IF YOU WANT TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY,
PRACTICE COMPASSION. IF YOU WANT TO
BE HAPPY, PRACTICE COMPASSION."**

- DALAI LAMA

May 31, 2023 YTD Cart Production = 997



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 \$425.00 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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WE NEED YOU

HELP IS NEEDED IN VARIOUS AREAS.

For the past year, we have hired The QL Group (Steve Andriano, who also volunteers) to upgrade our manufacturing processes. The board reviewed his proposal and approved. The intent is to help us grow in our production – help more persons with leg handicaps. For increasing to 50 Mobility Carts a week in 2023 and more going forward as donations allow. A lead volunteer for each area of the shop works with Steve to implement. Our Executive Director is overseeing the whole process and expenditures. We reorganized when we moved in 2020. Now are reorganizing for better work flow and efficiency of volunteer time and your donor dollars to build more carts.



Dave Pittman cuts wood from templates.

This maturing of our organization includes work instructions at each station on how to do that task. The instructions answer where are the tools, which screw to use, order of steps, etc. No one has to remember solely what Joe said last time. Current volunteers can review each time as a reminder and look for any changes. But when new volunteers come in, they are trained using the instructions on an iPad at the station. Then when they come in next week, they can follow the instructions. Please come in for a tour and see how you might fit in. Bring a friend.

Metal workers – cut donated steel to ready for welders

Woodworkers – saw, sand, rout and drill

Office – answer phone, greet visitors, give tours, & light office tasks

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

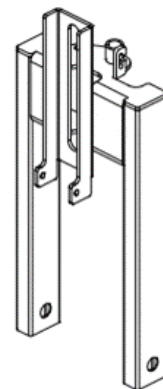
Columbia Metro Rotary acknowledged our Executive Director for his tireless efforts. We are grateful for the involvement of a number of Rotary Clubs over many years. Congrats, Gary!



COSTS ARE STILL HIGH

Since November 2021, we have said the cost was \$350 to build and ship a Mobility Cart. In 2022 with supply chain issues continuing, we were only able to produce 27 per week. The average cost with all expenses including utilities and things like insurance was \$467 per cart for the year. (Check out the 2022 Annual Report inserted in this summer newsletter.) We created and approved a 2023 budget estimating \$417 per cart. Staff hoped supplies & shipping costs would drop some, and we'd be able to produce more carts, which would lessen the per cart \$.

Lumber has gone down this year .40 per board, but not near the \$3 it went up in recent years. A small, steel fork (drawing from engineering print) went up \$20 each from 2020 to 2022. We have not seen a decline yet. We are looking at ways to make changes and still build a reliable and durable mobility device. **In April, our board of Trustees discussed and approved raising our promoted average cost to \$425 for a Mobility Cart (any model).** We think this will be more in line with actual costs.





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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.

SPRING MATCH WAS IN FULL BLOOM OF GIFTS

You not only were gracious to send your wonderful gifts so that we could receive the match offer, but you were quick in doing so. In 1 month, 72 donations for a total of \$22,806 was received & marked for the match. Gifts came from 20 states from AK, AZ to the Carolinas.

We are always amazed at your caring response for those in need of mobility. Thank YOU to all of you and the MO family who generously already gave the matching \$20,000 pledged.

This boy could not crank a cart and was given a Pull Cart.



Pull Cart decorated & sponsored by Broadway Christian Youth.