



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

POLIO CONTINUES TO CHANGE LIVES FOREVER

Per the CDC, “Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a disabling and life-threatening disease caused by the poliovirus. The virus can infect a person’s spinal cord, causing paralysis (can’t move parts of the body).... The paralysis can be lifelong, and it can be deadly.” The WHO reports new cases have greatly reduced over the last few decades thanks to the polio vaccine. But millions are still affected for the rest of their lives. You are helping them. Here are examples to the right.





Story of

Leah Lubasha

Leah Lubasha, a 36 year old single mother of three, lives in a humble shanty in Mkunguni Village outside of Watamu, Kenya. Her youngest child is just four months old. Leah suffered polio at an early age and has been crawling on the ground ever since. Her disability continued to deteriorate after the delivery of her second child. She was referred to PFC by her neighbors, and given a mobility cart. When Leah saw her new cart she began to cry. “I wish I had the cart when I was expecting and had to crawl to the shops every day. Now I will be able to escort my children to school, visit the market and start attending church which I have not done in a long time.” Leah’s life has been changed through the gift of mobility!

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Story of

John Kimutai Siwon

In the Village of Konin in Bomet County Kenya, west of Nairobi, lives a 73 year old cobbler named John. John is affected by polio. He has been crawling on the ground all of his life. John has never had a mobility device and sometimes, his wife had to carry him. In May of 2023, John’s neighbor shared photos of him with Mary, PFC’s Mobility Cart Program Director. Mary found John, and days later, he received a mobility cart. John’s wife was elated. “My prayers have been answered! My husband will no longer crawl! He has a new vehicle! And I have been given relief from carrying him.” Can you imagine how much this cart has changed both of their lives? John now rides his mobility cart to the market, where he mends shoes and church. He is so grateful and adds, “The cart even helps me carry my work tools!” Thank you to everyone who gives to PFC!

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Story Cards at <https://www.partnersforcare.org/projects-8>

Priscilla Mbodze suffered from a polio infection that left her physically challenged at birth. As Mbodze grew, her passion for music blossomed which quickly developed into a career seeing her invited to perform in different concerts within Kilifi. Traveling to concert venues however was a challenge. The PFC in Kilifi recently gave Mbodze a Mobility Cart, easing her movement to concert venues. She is grateful to the donors.

Priscilla pictured on the left. Cart sponsored & decorated by Sound Performance 2022.

OPEN HOUSE RAVES

On August 17, Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia held its first true Open House since moving July 2020. Thanks to our volunteers for inviting the local community friends to this event. Our volunteers led tours of the shop, assembly area, and The Sewing Machine Project. Each area had several volunteers setting the example how to happily contribute to mobility for the world's more vulnerable.



This Open House has brought in several new volunteers directly from what they saw, and also who they told about after returning home. We sold some of Mel's books and sewn bags from the Partners for Care sewing schools in Kenya. Cookies and drinks were enjoyed by all.

The Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors performed a ribbon cutting for Mel and me to cut a new ribbon declaring our successful shop.

The event was so successful, we will host one annually to tell our story. As Mel has said repeatedly, "If you do a good thing, and do it well, and let people know about it, good people will want to help." Thank you to our volunteers.



PROMOTERS ACROSS THE US

FRIENDS SHARE OUR STORY AND RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD MOBILITY CARTS.



In AZ for the last 11 years, Chris Houser has been promoting at her church, Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. Her congregation & Pastor Fred Steinberg have been very supportive. She has reached the members, snowbirds in the winter, and others at a music concert her family performed at as a fundraiser for us. This year, Gold Canyon UMC chose our mission for their Easter Offering and sent \$42,185. We are amazed at their gracious and long-term generosity.

In IA, we have a new promoter, Derry Wolford. Derry reported they have showcased our mission in a parade recently and another one coming up in September. "Mike drove my pickup and I rode in the Mobility Cart passing out the literature you sent me. Enclosed you will find a photo with some Shriners. We got some good response when passing out the information." Shriners are a branch of the Masons that provide orthopedic, cleft lip, spine, burn and other specialized care to children (regardless of their ability to pay) thru a network of health care facilities on 6 continents. We are in good hands and partnership with the Shriners also sharing our story of helping children. **Thank YOU to all our volunteer promoters and to those who help them and respond with gifts to build more carts.** Teamwork! Would you share our story also?



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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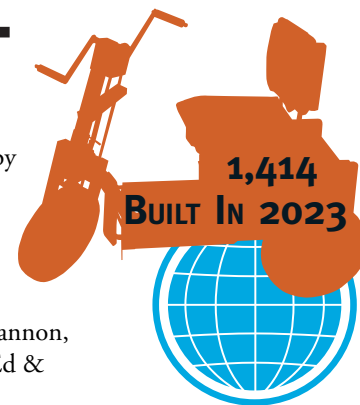
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- Gladys Campbell by Bennett Poage, W Lynch, Sally Curtis AsKew, Judith Hill, Betty Letzig, Dorsey & Brenda Walker, Betty Purkey, Elizabeth Mathewes, Marian Styles-McClintock, Gwyn McIntosh
- John Darby by Dell & Janet Epperson, Kathy & Andy Maynard, Dave & Carolyn Denton, Jon & Valerie Rastede, Carol Royer
- Whitney Hicks by John & Joane O'Connor
- Jeanne, Marty & May (sisters) by Kathy Perks
- Harold and Marjorie Nonhof by Harlan Nonhof
- David Norbury by grandchildren Scott & Linda Roth, Brooke & Brianna Teeter
- Etta Mae Mutti & Rev. David Norbury by Richard & Rebecca Curry
- Larry Oliver by Raylynn Oliver & David Robinson, Carol Elmore, James & Joan Wilson, Community Of Christ, Chapel For Peace, L.J. & R. E. Boatman, Wayne Oliver, Patsy Summers, Dorothy Smith, John & Dianne Hendley, Ruth Spargo,
- Dale & Carol Sechler by Edwin & Yvonne Albright
- Jo Ann Shore by Walt Hays
- Joan Smith by First United Methodist - Presbyterian Church
- Barbara West by Ed & Myra Kail, Judith Hill, Ken & Lila Roller, Walt Hays, Carol Royer
- Jim Wilson by Liberty Christian Church
- Arthur and Ruth Witt by Judith Witt & Bruce Pack

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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Rob & Colin Barber and Ryan & Grace Elliott by Lois & Clifford Elliott
- Harold Bossaller by Sharon Schattgen
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Robin Jones by Beverly Horvit
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert March by Alicia Rice
- Mothers everywhere by Valerie Spitz
- Mothers' Day by Trinity UMC
- Papa Charlie Ries by David Ries
- Ava Swofford's 90th birthday by Dave & Carolyn Denton
- Aunt Thelma Webb by Dave & Carolyn Denton
- Mel West by H. Frances & John Ware, Robert & Carol Cannon, Mabel West, Paula Richards, Ed & Myra Kail
- Warren Zahler and remember Lucy Zahler by Meg Bonasera



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES?

In between quarterly newsletters, we send news by email about twice a month. If you would like to try it out, email Kathy@GiftofMobility.org and ask to sign up for Email Updates. You can click on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of emails at any time, if you wish to discontinue Updates. They include news about shipments, distribution reports, the shop and more. Here are examples of some subject lines:

- Alan shares his mobility Work Team experience in Kenya.
- Highlights of the year and word game.
- 30,000th Mobility Cart built in Columbia!
- BBC Story of Ken with video link.

We promise to never sell or share our donor list. All your information will be strictly confidential.

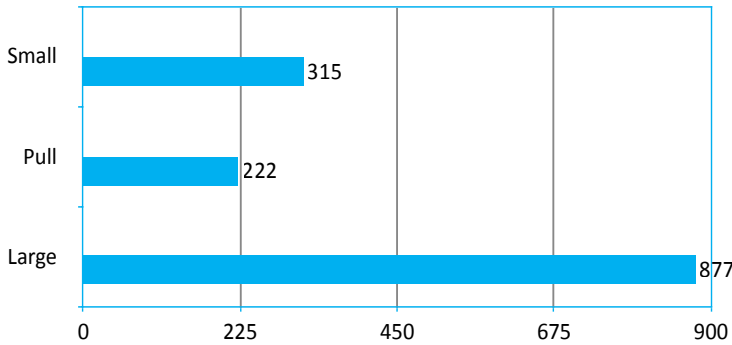
CALLING WELDERS

Do you have experience or are willing to be trained? We are fortunate to have a welding shop on site now, donated steel, and volunteers to cut and drill pieces. We need more welders to create cart parts.

“WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT.”

ARISTOTLE

August 22, 2023 YTD Cart Production = 1,414



GIVING HIGHLIGHT

Please remember and choose MSECC 9009 when you sign up for the MO State Employees Charitable Campaign this fall. Let's provide more Mobility Carts to those in need around the globe.

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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2008 boy in Chad, Africa with a deformed leg needed a cart.

CONTACT Us



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114 CARTS ARE RAINBOWS OF COLOR

OVER 500 ATTEND CRAFT BEER & CARTS EVENT IN JULY.

Our annual Craft Beer & Carts event has grown tremendously from 31 decorated & sponsored carts in 2019 to 114 in 2023. A net of over \$53,000 was raised over the course of several months. A family, or church group, or business sponsor and decorate a cart. Live music entertained along with food and drinks. Attendees voted on their favorite cart. Marceline United Women of Faith Orpha Circle won People's Choice.

Staff from our partner in Kenya, Partners for Care, was on hand for the weekend. The decorated carts shipped out on August 4. PFC will be receiving these carts later this fall. **Thank you to our event sponsors, band sponsor, cart sponsors, volunteers who set up and cleaned up, and those who simply joined in for the day. It was a fun event, and we look forward to seeing you next year.**



Praise Pack - Rotaract's Favorite

CAR AND A CRUTCH

Besides using your donations to build and ship Mobility Carts, we collect other used mobility devices. Our mission is to provide 'appropriate' mobility for all of God's children in need.... That might be a walker or a crutch & a Mobility Cart or Do you have any of these in your home no longer being used and collecting dust? Please bring them in. Have a drive at your church or club. You might be surprised. We ship used foldable walkers, crutches and wheelchairs with carts upon request.

Once when my husband and I were wrapping up the official paperwork for our car purchase, I noticed one crutch leaning against the wall. So, I asked about it and talked about the mission I work and volunteer for. The car dealership staff said he had been using it, but was ok now. My husband patiently waited through this conversation.

We went home with a car and a crutch. **Sometimes folks just need one crutch to make a difference.** *Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator*

Story of

God's Perfect Timing

Grace, a childhood friend of PFC's Mobility Carts Director Mary had been disabled since birth. When she was in desperate need of a new wheelchair, many things came together to provide the perfect one!

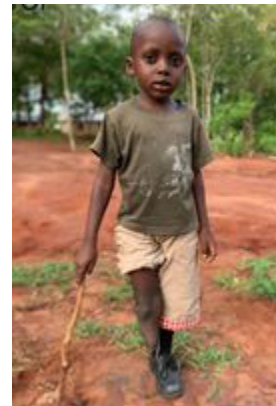
First, someone in Columbia, Missouri, donated a wheelchair to Mobility Worldwide. Gary Moreau, Director of Mobility Worldwide Columbia, put the wheelchair in a container that ships mobility carts. The container was unusually delayed 6 weeks aligning everything for this perfect timing. The container arrived at 10 pm, and at 6 am, staff unloaded the container and found the PERFECT wheelchair for Grace, who just happened to be staying in our Airbnb where the container contents were off-loaded. Grace is just one of the 224 physically-challenged people who will receive the gift of mobility from the items in the container - mobility carts, walkers, and canes. Praise God for all donors who made this happen and the volunteers who made the carts and packed the container, including Grace's special wheelchair.



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We also collect other mobility devices.



Johnson lost part of his leg after a bull attack.



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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.

THE VIRTUAL ELEPHANT AUCTION EVENT

JOIN A WATCH GROUP IN COLUMBIA OR ONLINE.

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 2024 or about 2,000 Mobility Carts.

The event includes a live auction, silent auction and entertainment.

There will be a local watch party at The Crossing Church starting at about 3 pm CST on Sunday.

October 22. Can you join us for a fun visit, casual gathering and light refreshments? Just follow our signs once you get to the church. Go to www.TheVirtualElephant.org to register for bidding.

Join Partners for Care and Mobility Worldwide

The VIRTUAL ELEPHANT 2023



Date: October 22, 2023
Time: 4:00 PM CST or 5:00 PM EST

*Silent Auction
Live Auction
Entertainment*

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



SCAN ME

Watch party at The Crossing 3 pm.