



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

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

## MORE CHILDREN ARE WAITING

**“THE LAST CARTS FROM OUR STORES.” PETER.**

*Today, we visited Timboni and Tom Mboya Special Schools to share our last stock of carts from our stores. These schools are run by the county government and their leaders had called us earlier last week for devices. We managed to give them a few, whereby Tom Mboya received 26 carts and Timboni received a walker, a pair of crutches and 5 carts. (All these pictures are from Timboni SS.)*

*These devices will help the crawling kids to cycle from school to their homes and back every day. They will also help them physically as they do not have physiotherapists. They normally hire from private hospitals which is a bit expensive for they are being charged per service hour. Thank you, PFC and Mobility Worldwide MO for the Gift of Mobility! Be blessed. Peter Chea, PFC Kilifi Program Head*

Your help is still much needed. Many more children with leg disabilities need assistance to go to school and participate in their communities more fully.



Boy assists with assembly of his cart in Kenya.



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# THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2023



MW MO - Columbia will conclude 2023 with a record production year easily making over 2,100 carts. We set up Assembly with visual instructions to help new volunteers learn the work task in front of them. We tried and produced over 50 carts a week several times. You invited your friends, and they came to build carts to help us raise many persons out of the dirt.

October Virtual Elephant Auction raised enough dollars to send 8 containers again to Kenya. Partners for Care has a plan in place to completely make a county in Kenya mobile. Wow! Thank you!! They want to solve immobility in Kenya county by county.

Production comes at an expense. Parts, steel, wood, wheels have slowly been increasing in costs, hence the costs to make a cart has risen to \$425 per unit. During 2023, we used up our carryover funds that accumulated over the past few years during the pandemic. Will we replenish those funds enough to sustain a high production level?

We believe that our donors believe in our efforts and WILL continue to support our efforts. Tell your friends about us, help us get in front of your church family, in front of your service clubs, and our income will come back to continue building carts for the world at record pace. We have engaged a grant writer to reach out for significant gifts from willing foundations and supporters.

Your HELP will continue to sustain our growth in a debt free building, with WILLING volunteers and help many more persons off the ground and into a life of respect.

**THANK YOU in advance!! - GARY**



Mexico: Notice thin legs and strong upper body.

## MORE CHILDREN ARE WAITING

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In our September issue, our article “Car And A Crutch” highlighted our collection and distribution of other used mobility devices (foldable walkers, canes, crutches and wheelchairs). Here are examples of children who were assisted by those types. Please gather and bring them to our building.

You created more smiles in Kenya!



**We promise** to keep you regularly informed as to how Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia is investing your donations of money, supplies, time, energy and skills to make a difference around the world.

# 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:

- Bill Floerchinger by Bob & Judy Gastrock
- Pastor Harry Fookle by Vista United Methodist Church
- Whitney Hicks by Carol Gault Lane
- Mary Lou Juettner by Bob & Jane Bellinghausen
- Audrey Lytle by Stephen & Elizabeth Immer
- Bill Poore by Karla Malaney
- Roland Meinert by Shirley Meinert

- Jim Powell by Lois Powell, Annette Kaplan, Linda & Keith Brown, John & Nancy Hubbell, Shirley & Gerald Vawter, Sharon McCall, Judy Clark, Sandra Freeman, David & Kathleen Wiebold, Mike & Teresa Hogue, Michael & Sharon Green, J.S. & K. R. Craven, William Shaw, Stephen & Renee Powell, Brenda & Mark Powell, Michael & Sharon Green, David Chapin, Nancy Dunham, Phil & Valerie Grossman, Kristi & Rod McEnaney, Carolyn & Franklin Staashelm, Nancy Barrett, Clay & Rita Knierim, Betty Poptanycz, Michael & Katherine Cox,
- Sammie Gay Spillers by Mark & Leigh Kottwitz

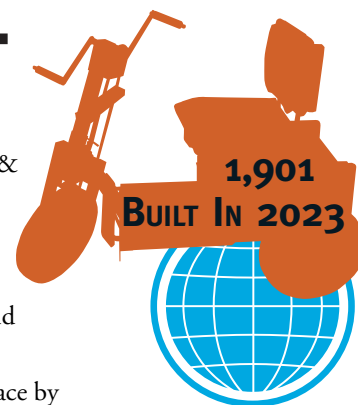
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## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Linda Joyce Algieri by Tom & Vivian Algieri
- Preston Chapel by Diana Chapel
- Columbia South Rotary & Mel West by Robert & Jane Smith
- Lorin Dressel by Kiwanis Club Of Gravois
- Walt Hays & John Pascoe by Bob and Judy Gastrock
- Roger & Marge Hofmeister by Patricia & Peter Dalum
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Bruce Madore & Family by Kay & Bill St. Onge
- Lisa Morrissey and Kim Keller by Judy Wall

- Dan Pargee's birthday by Lois & Clifford Elliott
- Keith & Cathy Schafer by Doris Stout
- Ava & Ross Swofford by Harold & Patsy Garner
- Elaine Thompson & Kay Wallace by Elizabeth Ann Morgan
- Mel West by Ed & Myra Kail, honor and Merry Christmas by Susan Ann West



# THE VIRTUAL ELEPHANT AUCTION EVENT

Once again, we joined Partners For Care to help them raise funds for shipping & distributing Mobility Carts in Kenya. We held one of 7 watch parties around the US and in Kenya; thanks to the Weisbrook's for coordinating our group. Our friends donated auction items, visited, ate and simply donated toward the live auction match. Some of you simply watched and gave or bid from home. \$132,552 was raised for distributing carts to those in greatest need next year in Kenya. *"Thank you, Columbia supporters for being Present!!! Connie Cheren, Founder"*



# FALL SHIPMENTS:

- 62 Orphan Grain Train / Global
- 1 The Cornerstone Foundation / Honduras
- 14 Ralph McClurg / Honduras
- 129 UNTO / Global

“WELL DONE IS BETTER  
THAN WELL SAID.”

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

## OFFICE HELP NEEDED

We need persons that are cheerful, like visiting with folks, and are enthusiastic about our mission? We can use your help covering the office M – F mornings, 8 am to noon approximately. Could you be a regular/ weekly volunteer or be on the sub list? We will train you.

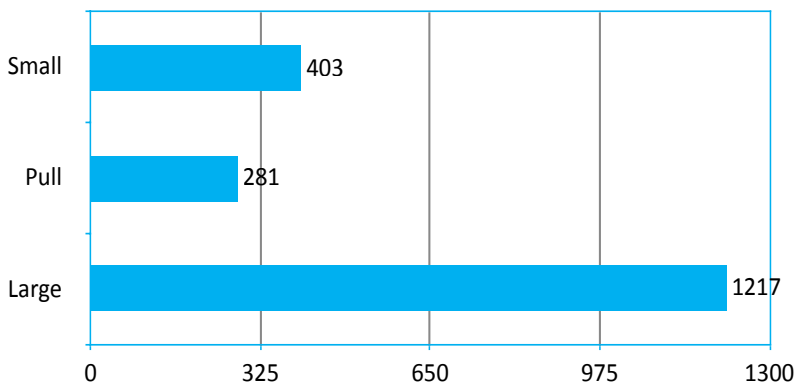
Tasks include:

- greeting visitors,
- giving tours around the building,
- answering the phone & taking messages,
- light office work (preparing mailings, making copies, etc.),
- and sign for deliveries or directing where deliveries should be left.

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 28<sup>th</sup> and go through December. Our goal is \$22,500. In 2022, 86 families gave \$18,160 for Mobility Carts. Your continued support is always appreciated.



Nov. 3, 2023 YTD Cart Production = 1,901



### 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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# THE JIM'S TAKE ON 'OTHER DUTIES UNASSIGNED'.

Jim Weisbrook (left) is our mobility Board Trustee and Treasurer. Jim Sandfry (right) is our machine tech. Both also volunteer with The Sewing Machine Project, part of our 501c3. They do maintenance and repair donated sewing machines before they ship out with Mobility Carts; Sandfry is the leader of the sewing mission. But last month our shop and warehouse floor sweeper needed attention. With a 12,500' building, we have a lot of concrete flooring to keep tidy. Jim & Jim went to work getting our sweeper back to running smoothly.

Volunteering isn't glamorous, but it makes a difference.



## RELIEF FOR HUMAN NEED WORLDWIDE

**THAT'S ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN'S TAG LINE, AND THAT INCLUDES CARTS.**

In October, our Executive Director, Gary Moreau, attended and shared with our partners at the OGT – WI Branch Annual Member Meeting. Our carts go in their overseas shipments. In 2023 from Wisconsin, that included Mobility Carts to these countries. In November, we shipped 62 carts to OGT's headquarters for their global shipments.

March 2023 Peru

July 2023 South Sudan

# Orphan Grain Train

“ALWAYS DO RIGHT. THIS WILL GRATIFY SOME PEOPLE AND ASTONISH THE REST.”

- MARK TWAIN

**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.

## 100,000<sup>TH</sup> CART DISTRIBUTED IN EL SALVADOR

Since we started our mission project in 1994, our mission family has grown to include an international office (2004) and over 20 Affiliate production shops in the US and elsewhere. Our international office chose a person in need in El Salvador to receive our celebrated 100,000<sup>th</sup> cart. The cart was given by Wayne Beare, Director of Global Logistics (at left). Wayne assists our Columbia shop by finding and organizing shipments of carts to vetted, reliable distribution partners. We produced our 30,000<sup>th</sup> cart last February (part of the 100,000).

This cart went to Aristides Antonio Mejia, a 50-year-old resident of El Salvador. **Drafted into the El Salvador Civil War at just 16 years old, Mr. Mejia's life took a tragic turn when he encountered an improvised explosive device (IED) that resulted in the loss of his left leg and severe damage to his right.** The cart will also empower him to sell his products at the market, providing for himself and his family.



**- Report from Wayne Beare**