



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

## DOUBLE BLESSING

### GETTING TO SCHOOL IS AN EASIER TASK NOW.

“In October 2016, two beautiful twin boys, Jeremy & Jerand, were born to a family in Kenya. Their mum works as a housewife, and their dad is a driver. As they grew, it became apparent that they each had a disability, which made life very challenging for them.” Report from Partners for Care 2024

The brothers received two of your donated Small Crank Carts this year, which they use to take themselves to and from school. The carts are also a therapy tool for them.

“The Mobility Cart is a blessing to many children with leg disabilities! Jeremy and Jerand’s movement and mobility are much easier now.” David – a caregiver at Olkalou Special School



*Jeremy & Jerand with Mary, Mobility Director for PFC*

# 30 YEARS OF CONFIDENT LEADERSHIP



As I visited with some of our past presidents at our founder's 100th birthday party, I was glad to see them and know they are still connected. The first 11 years, we operated under another 501c3 and had a local committee. **Here's a brief history of our dedicated board presidents starting in 2006.** Also, just a little about what happened under their tutelage. We thank them for their dedicated service in leading our mission to 30 years of success. - **KATHY MAYNARD, STAFF**



**Roger Hofmeister**

2006 – 2009

Led us in being an independent corporation and move to 2nd location.



**Susan Williams**

2010 – 2011

Long Range Planning creates Exec. Dir. job description, building ownership discussions, and looks at backup vendors for key parts.



**Jim Wall**

2012 – 2014

Led us in interviewing and hiring an Executive Director, Gary Moreau.



**Terry Furstenau**

2015 – 2017

Researched and led us to a new database program to better suit our growth.



**Danielle Harrison**

2018 – 2020

Land purchase & construction of 1st owned shop facility.



**Glen Ehrhardt**

2021

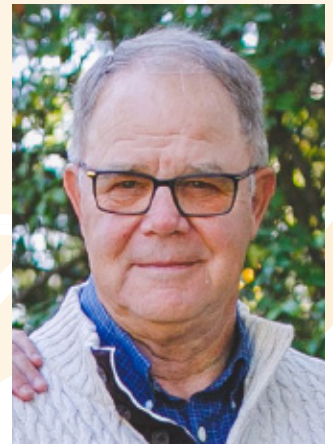
Decisions in operating the shop during the pandemic. Began work on documenting staff contacts and task instructions.



**Steven Stepanovic**

2022

Instituting the cloud VKS system & reorganizing our shop to greatly improve & expand our manufacturing processes.



**Alan Wessler**

2023 – 2024

Reenergizes committees and the board Trustees' work through various roles. Trustee handbook is developed.

# 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:

- John Albright by Edwin & Yvonne Albright
- Dr. Gladys Campbell by Chester Jones
- David Fleming by Patricia Fleming, Cornerstone UMC Men's Club, James & Charlyn Heinz
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Michael & Phil Garrett by Marilyn Garrett
- Whitney Hicks by Marge Hicks
- David Magruder by the Magruder and Crowe Families
- Earl Miner by Betty Hawley
- Gene and Rena Moore by Wilson & Debbie Jones
- David Newcomb by Jane Killebrew

- Bill and Shirlee Poore by Lesa & Kent Tegeler
- Larry Reid by Blaine Reid
- Jim Seibert by Sharon Seibert
- Paul Skiles by Janice Skiles
- Linda Sue Smith by Margaret Freeman
- Charles Stribling by Winnie Runge
- Jean Arlene Taylor by Jim & Joanne Taylor
- Helen Uzl by Mark & Leigh Kottwitz
- Madeline Wilcox by Larry Wilcox

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Transparency  
2024

Candid.

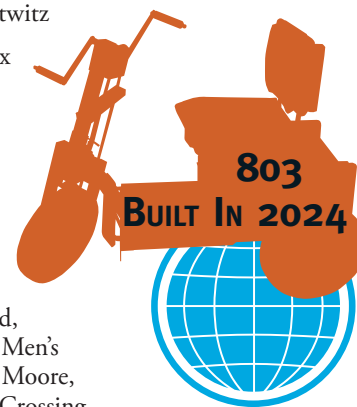
## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- **Mel West's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** (our founder) by Ed & Myra Kail, Stan Grebing, Ann & Dick Dyniewicz, Marcia Nana, Leon Crockett, Stanley & Luky Goodwin, Elizabeth Cannon, Mary Stebbins, Alan & Susan Wessler, John & Lois Long, William & Judith Heffernan, MO Conference of the United Methodist Church, Linda Jo Turner, Joe & Pat Powell, Randy & Carol Colwell, David & Karen Taylor, Carol Virkler, Thelma Riehle, James Sayers, Anne Weller, Diana & Preston Chapel, Richard Baumann, Stephen & Joan Mudrick, Ray & Linda McKenzie, Joyce & Donald Harter, Shirley Rundel, Fred Vahle, Marge Hicks, Roger Hofmeister, Ava Swofford, Robert & Jane Smith, Lorene Trickey, Jess & Doris Lyons, Kathy Anstaett, Teresa Dubuque, Betty Letzig, Charles & Bettie Koelling, Kathy Wessler, Trisha Lee Real Estate, Susan Rooney Elledge, Geisse Foundation, Helen Ackerson, Martin & Aaron & Mabel West, Christine & Ron Houser, Marilyn Garrett, Cleo Kottwitz & Judy Parsons, Songbird Station, Robert & Carol Cannon, Brent Lowenberg, Joan Myers, Tom Haire, James & Patricia Sears, Bek & Dean Linsenmeyer, Lowell & Elaine Allen, Joan Wellman, Catherine O'Brien, Dianne & Patrick Maguire, Kay Carothers, Elton Fay, Ronnie Landis, Annette Kaplan, LaVonne Patterson, Richard & Nancy Ohrt, Steve Carpenter & Mary Magner, Kee Groshong, Phyllis Smith, Kyle Newell Groshong & Ted Groshong, William Holley, Keats Lydia Chapel, Jim Thaxter, Barbara Wolf, Fred Martin, Catherine Roberta Carson, Brenda Connelly, Kathy Clark, Ralph Gum, Presbyterian Women, Barbara & Roy Robinson, John Trapp, Barry & Jolene Kirchhoff, Jeanne Boschi & Mike Henzl, Don & Fran Day, West Park UMC, Bill & Annette Watts, Anne Wagner, Diana Hanson, Rich & Carol Oliver, Lois Bohling, Dave & Teena Ligman, Laura Doak-Springer & Sara Doak, Alaine Jones, Peter & Ty Hinshaw, Mark & Deborah Schrader, Gary & Karen Coffman, Danny L. & Brenda Rose, Lovilia United Women, Barbara McClure, Patricia Daniel, Rex & Marsha Knudsen Ausburn, Charles & Vivian Thompson, John Wenzlick, Raymond & Vickie Plue, Michael & Teresa Hendren, John & Joni Troyer, Sarah Hill, Janet Thompson, Nancy Dreier, Laura & Michael Morrow, Diane La Mar, Kathy & Andy Maynard, Susan Heinsz, Beth & Thomas Kenney, Maxine Frangenberg, Linda Jo Turner, Carol Royer, Glenn & Carol Duermeyer, Kenneth & Lois Hunziker, Carolyn Steinhaus, Bill & Kaye Miller, Audrey Spieler, Dave & Carolyn Denton, Jim & Nancy Sandfry, Glen Ehrhardt, Nancy &



Mike Gentzsch, Larry & Aileen Garvin, James M & Janet L Hall, Ann Anderson, Paula Richards, David & Donna Wrenn, Tim Stowe, Bruce and Deborah IntVeld, Trinity UM Women, Trinity UM Men's Club, Robert Gerety, Bob & Suzi Moore, John & Brenda Ross Moran, The Crossing EPC Of Columbia, FRC Charitable Account, Wellington UMC, Robert & Carol Cannon, Dennis & Joyce Holles, Woollam Methodist Church, Harold & Karen Johnson, Dell & Janet Epperson, and Ray & Shirley Truhn

- Barbara and Mel West by North Central District Office of the UMC, Ed & Myra Kail
- Barbara West and Dave Newcomb by Songbird Station
- Ken and Dixie Armstrong by Joe Wilson
- Linda Coats' 55th wedding anniversary
- Nancy & Rob Freeman by Margaret Freeman
- Diane Hendley 5-year tenure as president by Parish Council Catholic Women
- Marge Hicks and Roger Hofmeister by Carolyn Johnson
- Roger, Marge, and Hofmeister Family by Reginald Dusing
- Ron Houser by Christine Houser
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Kathy Maynard 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Staff by Kathy Perks
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Wanda Nanneman by Share & Care Group
- Dr. David & Debra Nichols' 20th wedding anniversary
- Stan Powell by Gary & Betty Rowland
- David Schaller birthday by Mary Stebbins
- Karen Taylor by Doris Stout
- Harry Tribble birthday by Gail & Steve White



# How Many Carts Does A 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Make?

On May 9th, we held a 100th Birthday Party Open House for our founder, Mel West. Hundreds of people came from across the country to be a part of the celebration. In 4 hours, Mel was able to visit with many, do multiple media interviews, receive gratefulness from the Chamber of Commerce for all his efforts in Columbia, listen to a proclamation from Boone County representatives, and more. Thank you, Erin, for being the lead on organizing the day. And thank you to all our volunteers that worked and showed how we operate. It was a whirlwind, but wonderful with all your presence & birthday greetings delivered. **As of his birthday, 141 honor gifts have been deposited totaling \$62,047 or 146 carts. Thank YOU** It's not too late to get in on the fun.



*Erin Twenter, Board Trustee, presents Mel's cake.*

“NO ACT OF KINDESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED.”

- AESOP

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

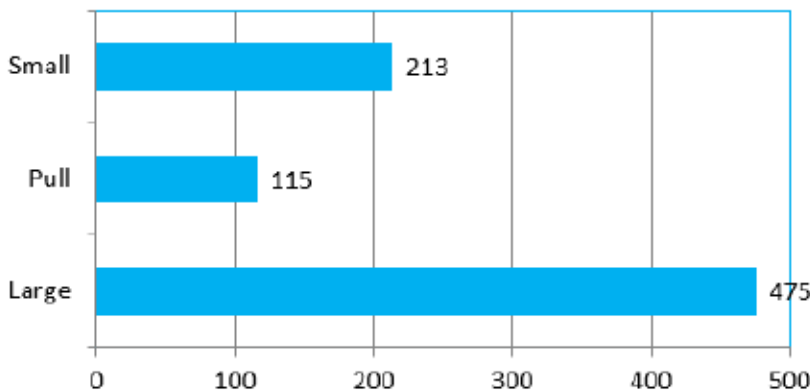
Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:  
4825 E Meyer Industrial Dr  
Columbia, MO 65201-8296



573-886-7877

### May 31, 2024 YTD Cart Production = 803



## CONTACT Us



4825 E Meyer Industrial Dr, Columbia, MO 65201-8296 • Shop Hours: M – F 8 am to 3 pm  
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# OPEN HOUSE FOR THE AGES

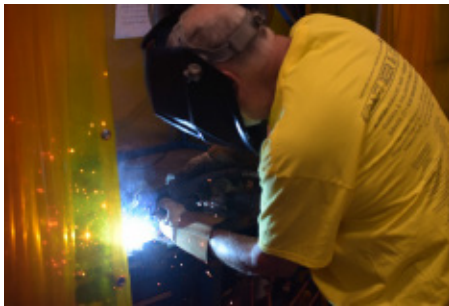
Did you miss May 9<sup>th</sup>? We celebrated Mel West's 100th birthday last month. Mel was honored by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, by the Boone County Commissioners, by friends traveling from New York, Georgia, Texas and many locally. We conservatively estimated 300-350 attended.



It is not too late to donate for a Mobility Cart in Honor of Mel. Watch for another Open House in August. And maybe we will have a booth at the Missouri State Fair. We will be notified in June. Come and say Hi. We will have a special white cart for you to sign.

The 5th Craft Beer & Carts fundraising event will be held July 14. Bring your friends and check over 100 decorated carts. Someone needs your vote of approval before we send off to Kenya.

Special visitor came to the shop. **University of Missouri System President Mun Choi came out alone on a Tuesday and rode a cart, applied an ID tag and generally was fascinated by our whole project.** We are strategizing how we can work cooperatively to involve more MU students at the shop. Watch for the exciting news.



Harold Bossaller, volunteer welder at work.

## Finally, the shop needs production welders.

Tell your friends about our shortage, and let's see if we can pick up the slack. The Wood shop is well supplied; the metal just needs more volunteers. On a monthly basis we average 110 volunteers giving us nearly 2,000 hours. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm. You are always welcome to be a part.

- GARY

**"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET; WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE"**

**- SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL**

## REMEMBERING OUR PROMISES

*(Located on our website under "About")*

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

**CRAFT BEER & CARTS**  
FUNDRAISER FOR MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO - COLUMBIA

**CRAFT BEER & CARTS**  
CREATED BY ROTARACT

**FOOD TRUCKS**  
LEFTY'S KETTLE CORN  
ZYDECO'S CAJUN  
GINA'S VEGAN A GO GO  
MIA TACO

**ADULTS**  
TICKET \$20

**STUDENTS**  
TICKET \$10

**KIDS UNDER 10**  
FREE

**LIVE MUSIC**  
C. ROCK CITY  
&  
KENYAN MUSICIANS

**BROADWAY**  
BREWERY

**SUNDAY**  
JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOON-4 PM

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

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

**\$2,000**  
MAIN EVENT SPONSOR

**\$800**  
BAND SPONSOR

**\$425**  
CART SPONSOR

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

FOR MORE INFO: GARY MOREAU, 573-486-7877

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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.

## AGE IS BEAUTIFUL

### 16-YEAR-OLD CART KEPT HIS OWNER ON THE MOVE.

Talking about longevity, here is maybe the record. This is a Columbia cart for sure. Maybe the seat side board has been replaced. Definitely the tires have been. Looks like the chain, cranks and front fork are original. Notice his thin legs and strong upper body.

2022 report: “Sammy saw this man on the street and stopped to learn about his cart. **The man said he received it 16 years ago at his church from a missionary.** Mary will complete the survey learning details about the cart. Sammy said it had tires that take air. Mary will get him a new cart.” Connie Cheren, Partners for Care in Kenya (Sammy Wanjau is the Executive Director.)

