



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

DID YOU KNOW WHY AFTER 30 YEARS?

MANY REASONS LEAD TO IMMOBILITY LIKE POLIO, BIRTH DEFECTS AND LANDMINES.

Eight of us were able to go to Alabama in September for our mission's Annual Conference. The local shop hosted us; thanks to Sam and his crew of volunteers. We want to share some of the reports from our Distribution and Delivery Partners that came to tell us about their work and the need.

Uganda – Pathways to Hope Africa was represented by its founder, Tabitha Kyambade. They are based in Minneapolis, MN, and work in eastern Africa. They are a new partner. Early in 2024, our Columbia shop shipped them 30 Small Crank Carts & 28 Pull Carts to combine with Large Crank Carts from other shops. Tabitha concurred with other DDP reports that causes leading to immobility included landmines, dietary, and more. Their hub or base is in Uganda to receive shipments and storage.

Website: "...**Inspired by Martin Akere (pictured) from Soroti, who has dealt with mobility issues since birth, the program started with the distribution of 202 Mobility Carts**, beginning in Soroti and spreading to other regions....



Martin dealt with mobility issues since birth.

Expanding from Soroti to Mukono and Arua, the program has distributed carts, each tailored to its new owner, and has held medical camps offering essential health services alongside the cart distributions....

The overwhelming joy, hope, and excitement the program has brought to its recipients has inspired us to push on further to continue to reach even more individuals in need. With each cart we distribute, Pathways to Hope Africa hopes to continue addressing the broader need for mobility aids...."

Their 3 Pillars are Healthcare, Education, and Food Security. **They like to help people with healthcare like diabetes to avoid possible amputations.** So they won't need a cart. In the meantime, Tabitha's co-workers told me they ran out of the Pull Carts at the distribution and need more. I said Gary would be glad to ship them more to MN.

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DID YOU KNOW WHY AFTER 30 YEARS? (Continued)

Mexico – Aztec Ministries reported at the 2023 conference. **Tami Gaddis answered why there were so many amputations “No wound care. So rampant amputees.”** Antibiotics began to require a prescription. It takes 2 weeks of wages for a doctor visit and a prescription. So a small treatable health issue turned into amputations. Now they can use the WhatsApp to call a doctor with a picture of the patient and get an antibiotic approved at the pharmacy. (Pictured ar right)

Uganda – Serge mission presented 50-year-old Bartalomayo a cart. **He survived cancer with amputations at the knees.** (Pictured below)



Sierra Leone – Lamin Mansaray has been connected to our mobility family for years. His organization, Mobility Sierra Leone, builds or distributes 13 kinds of mobility devices. Our Columbia shop has sent his team Mobility Carts and supplies to repair older carts.

He said “We are committed to delivering high quality, disability appropriate services....Notably, 70% of our support personnel also come from the this community.” He mentioned (along with Rev. Rose Farquat from Liberia) of the African belief that those with disabilities have been affected by witchcraft or they have been cursed. They are left behind.

Lamin also said his country of 8 million people are recovering from a **11 year brutal civil war. This has left lasting impacts on its population “including mass amputations carried out by rebels”**. The amputations were done to prevent persons from fighting.

Liberia - Rev. Rose Farquat spoke about an outbreak of polio as children had not gotten their polio vaccines during the recent COVID pandemic.

WHO (World Health Organization) website – “...**On February 23, 2024, Liberia’s Ministry of Health declared the circulating variant type 2 poliovirus (cVDPV2) outbreak** Liberia conducted the first round of the immunization campaign from May 10th to 13th, 2024, targeting approximately 857,768 children across all 15 counties...

‘Polio is a very infectious disease and can lead to permanent paralysis and death in children as it attacks the nervous system,’ Dr. Peter said.’....”

These are just a few examples of the reasons that we are still in business after 30 years. We can’t wait to send more of your Mobility Carts to these reliable and caring Distribution and Delivery Partners. Our volunteers diligently show up each week to run the office, warehouse and shop to build and ship more carts. Thank you for helping our mobility mission continue to reach more in need. Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator



Pull Cart is given after an amputation.

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.

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:

- 45th wedding anniversary by Mel & Bev Toellner
- Patrick Atkinson by Mary Anne & Jay Wilson
- Robert & Susan Dolan 50th Anniversary by Stephen Dolan & Lisa Sechler
- Roger, Marge, and the entire Hofmeister family by Reginald Dusing
- Neil and Peggy Johnson by Karna & Christopher Gloe

- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Bruce & Lisa Miles by Jennifer & Mark Dressler
- Jim Sandfry by Joyce Anderson
- Mel and Barbara West by Ed & Myra Kail

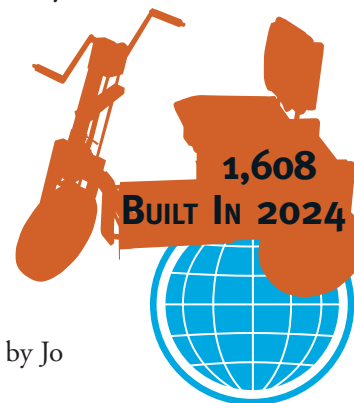
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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Megan Ankeney by Harrold & Nancy Ankeney
- Charlene Beldon by Stephen Dolan & Lisa Sechler
- Sherry Borcharding by Sandy Matsuda
- Patrick Cronan by John & Kathleen Cronan
- Gaston de la Torre by Carol Fridley, Bryan & Sharon Pope, Renee Anderson, Gerald & Sonya Ross, Jim & Jacque Wiskur, Robin Ward
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan

- Ralph Havener by Jerry Kiesling, Anne & Charles DeVore
- Bill Heffernan by Paula Richards, Sarah Wolcott
- Greyson & Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Robert & Barbara March by Alicia Hagan
- Lucy Zahler by Meg Bonasera



JUNKEN BECAME A BUSINESSMAN IN KENYA.

When Junken was young he received a cart through the Gede Special School in Kilifi (via Partners for Care). Then after graduating, he got a large cart with a Mini-Mart kit to start a business. Here is his story in his words.

“Recently, I was able to expand my business! I now supply cold items to nearby schools, local eateries, and marketplaces. Seeing my success, my customers now call me “Madonge” (which means ‘ice cube’). **Losing my parents at a young age was tough, but the Gift of Mobility and a cooler has completely changed my life! It helped me start a business, giving me the means to pay for my brother’s education and basic necessities and experience the joy of purpose and recognition. Thank you!**”
Junken (The cooler is part of the Mini-Mart kit.)

Three families have combined to offer a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$60,000 this fall. Would you partner with us again and double your gift to help more persons like Junken to be mobile and possibly start a business?



His customers call him Madonge ‘ice cube’.

“OFTEN SMALL ACTS OF SERVICE ARE ALL THAT IS REQUIRED TO LIFT AND BLESS ANOTHER.”

- DIETER F. UCHTDORF

GIVING HIGHLIGHT

If you like to give online through CoMoGives, we are participating again. It is a county project of the Community Foundation of Central MO. The campaign will run the month of December including Giving Tuesday on December 3. **Our goal is \$25,000.** In 2023, 87 families gave \$18,915 for 45 Mobility Carts. We hope you will consider our mission this December as you think of making the world brighter and better.



“WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID.”

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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: _____

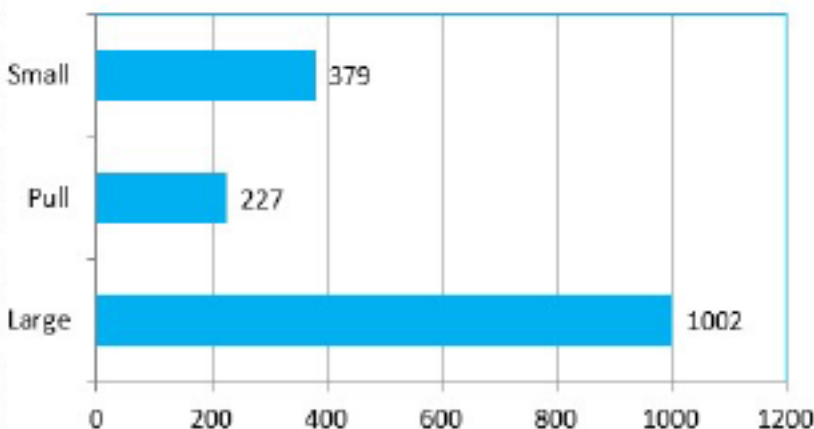
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Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:
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October 15, 2024 YTD Cart Production = 1,608



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DID YOU KNOW?

The shipping industry is constantly changing. We are now fumigating our containers before leaving for Kenya. This is performed in St. Louis by Ecolab and adds an extra 24 hours to the travel time to the East Coast and costs additional \$550.00. Fumigating kills rodents and insects in that sewing closet you just cleaned out or in that box of stuff you have been storing in the garage the past year.



Did you know that a large Mobility Cart has 381 pieces throughout the makeup on one cart? So many of those takes many touches by numerous volunteers to fashion one part into a ready to assemble recognizable cart. Since we make 3 models of carts we have three times the pieces to track, inventory, and replenish to make our average of 38 carts a week for 2024.

Did you know our founder, Mel West (blue shirt), rode in his first Mizzou Homecoming parade? 7-year-old Peter Martin and father Ben accompanied him. Peter was a hit and pedaled the whole way without help. Other volunteers handed out brochures. (Picture provided by Mary Tribble who helped carry the banner.)



Did you know that Craft Beer and Carts will be rebranded as Hearts for Carts? Watch for Sunday July 13, 2025 as the new date to build for. Hearts for Carts will follow the same protocol as in past years. Let's sponsor and build more than 132 carts for next summer.

Did you know that 2024 fundraising will end with our annual participation in the CoMoGives campaign under the guidance of Community Foundation of Central Missouri? The giving period is

December 1 - 31.

Thanks to all our prayer warriors during Marion's surgery and recovery. It meant so much.

- GARY

SMILES ARE SERVED IN THE OFFICE

We try to have the office manned at least each morning M – F. Edith Hall (since 2022) and Shelia Colley (since 2007) have been giving of their time in our office. (Marge and Patty also volunteer in the office.) They provide a cheerful greeting to visitors and to callers on the phone. They both keep computer files of shop information and do light office work. Shelia writes and sends out note cards. She is also a minister with the Christian Church. Edith does various computer work including helping with our Craft Beer & Carts fundraiser. (Note: CB&C is becoming Hearts for Carts in 2025.) She is also a baker and has donated delicious cakes to our annual volunteer banquets. They do a variety of office work. Thank you, Ladies. Let us know if this a way you might be able to serve on a regular basis or as a sub.



Edith and Shelia greeting during Open House.



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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.

DID YOU KNOW WHO?

WE ARE VETTED BY AND REPORT TO MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS.



We are incorporated in the state of MO and report to the Secretary of State every 2 years. That includes providing the names and addresses of our Board of Trustees. Also, every 2 years we fill out a new application to be a part of the MO State Employees Charitable Campaign each fall.

We are an approved global Advance Special #982665 with the United Methodist Church. We answer a list of questions bi-annually. They cover credit card processing fees for any online gifts given through their organization. Thrivent (Lutheran based) members can choose our mission to receive Choice Dollars when they purchase financial products. Both of these organizations send a list of members and deposit gifts monthly into our checking account.



We are required to report annually to the IRS for our 501 (c) (3). The 990 (information return) is over 40 pages long, and a pdf is posted on our website. This includes our list of Board of Trustees and our Executive Director’s salary. (A portion is actually a designated gift for his good work and leadership.)

We are also vetted by Candid.org (previously known as GuideStar) that we are a legit non-profit. We complete questions and upload various financials and CPA reports to their website. Donors, businesses setting up purchasing accounts, and 3rd party financial institutions disbursing donations use Candid’s site to vet us before beginning a relationship.



This is only a partial list or example of the administrative work we do. We are appreciative of these institutions that give us life, validation, and help lead us to success.