



Mobility
Worldwide®
MO - Columbia

GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

HIS MOTHER IS 'GRATEFUL' TO YOU

NOW, HE CAN RIDE ALONG SIDE HIS MOTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

“Gisse Adisu is a 12-year-old boy who was born disabled to a very needy family. His disability kept him from being able to go to school. It’s hard to imagine what it would be like to see all your friends going to school day after day, and you could not. What would your future hold?

Gisse’s mother sells fruit along the road to make ends meet and would try to carry him on her back until it became too difficult. Then to get from one place to another Gisse would crawl. Fortunately, PFC gave Gisse a Mobility Cart – and a gift of food as well. They are so grateful to PFC for the cart and the food, but most of all, that someone remembered and cared for them.....”



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.



Gisse sits on a Small Crank Cart.

WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS



Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia is definitely worldwide with our shipments of carts. Over the years we have reached 106 countries. Over the past few years we have shipped 49 containers to Kenya so they have delivered over 10,000 Mobility Carts to persons all over Kenya. (46th container to Partners for Care in March pictured.) We have shipped one cart or 200 carts depending on the request. It takes just a passionate person or group that wants to help a person off the ground to deliver them.



Other countries in the past year have received carts from us through several non-profits working there. Beneficiaries have been in Honduras, Liberia, Malawi, Uganda. You can see Africa as needing so many.

If your church is supporting a missionary in the world, please tell them that carts are free and available. It is just a logistics issue on how to move them to their location. With the hiring of Ryan Cannon, at the MW International office as Logistics Coordinator, we will be reaching out to more locations each day.

With a production average of 56 carts a week in Columbia, we need to keep the trucks and shipping containers moving the carts around the world. Your dedicated donated gifts are keeping us moving well in 2025. Thank you.

- GARY



Loaded shipping container pulls out from the dock in March for Kenya.

THANK YOU FROM KENYA

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

“We’re proud to call Mobility Worldwide MO Columbia our partner for over 7 years... But Gary Moreau and Kathy Maynard don’t just lift others into a fuller life via mobility...they’ve also sent 1,200 sewing machines for PFC sewing schools and the making of bed nets. (From The Sewing Machine Project under our 501c3.)



Thank you, Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia, for all that you do! We’re so grateful to call you partner, and to have had the opportunity to distribute carts to Kenyans together in 2020 (Gary pictured). The world is a better place because of you. ❤️”

Partners for Care’s Facebook post March 2025

(To all of our supporters, this thank you is for you.)

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:

- Earl Albers by Ann & Dick Dyniewicz
- Rev. Rick Connely by Martha Jones
- Lorin Dressel by Carol Dressel
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Bill Gortmaker by Colleen & Gary Ostercamp
- James Henson by J.R. & Sharon Greer, Allen Yankee, Donna & Dennis Haines, Terry & Katherine Hampton, Johnnie & Connie Ehlers
- Whitney Hicks by Marge Hicks
- Dustin Holta by Barbara Karst
- Harold Hull by Kathy Hull
- Loren Jung by Jess & Doris Lyons
- Ron Longaker by Anonymous
- Earl Miner by Betty Hawley
- Richard Myers by Joan Myers
- Davin Nicholas' grandmother by Musco Sports Lighting, LLC

- David Norbury by Mary Norbury
- Judy Parsons by Mark & Leigh Kottwitz
- Lois Peterson by Richard & Jackie Patten, Nancy Krogstad, Ron & Linda Conrad, Mary Gingerich, Kristine Key & Glenda Key
- Mr. & Mrs. James Propes by James & Deborah Propes
- Dr. Rusty Spieler by Audrey Spieler
- Edgar Stoesz by Susan Stoesz
- Yvonne Tracy by Dave & Carolyn Denton
- Bob Trask by Carol & Gary Riedel
- Robert & Emma Tribble by Mary Tribble
- Naomi Von Guten by Millersburg Community Club
- Vilma Waclawski by Mabel West
- David Welschmeyer by Bob & Jane Bellinghausen
- Jay R Wilson by Mary Anne & Jay Wilson

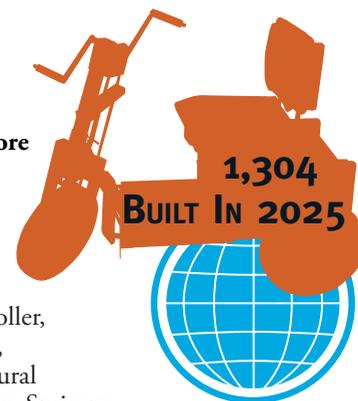
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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Harold Bossaller by Sharon Schattgen
- Carson City First United Methodist Church by Timothy & Barbara Newman
- Rev. Dick Curry by Rebecca Curry
- Jessica Giacchi by Joseph Giacchi
- Jim & Janet Hall by Sharon & William Bearden
- Roger Hofmeister and Marge Hicks by John & Joane O'Connor
- Roger, Marge, and Hofmeister Family by Reginald Dusing
- Gunner Holte by Karma Schwader
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan
- Ron & Marti Lofgren by Christine & Ron Houser
- Shirley Meinert by Julie Meinert
- Ruth Nation by Jean Trower
- Hannah Portwood by Katherine Ward
- Brooks Robinson by Ida Frizzell
- David Schaller by Mary Stebbins
- Gary & Ruth Ann Spotts by Elizabeth Ann Morgan
- Karen Stohlgren by Alicia Palermo
- Ross & Ava Swofford by Harold & Patsy Garner
- Harley Wagner by Curt & Judy Wolfmeyer
- Wayne and Sandra Wilcox and family by Robert & Sandra Wilcox
- Warren Zahler and in memory of Lucy Zahler by James & Deborah Zahler

- **Mel West's 101st birthday & more** (founder) by Susan West, Mabel & Aaron & Martin West, Ed & Myra Kail, Robert & Carol Cannon, David & Judy Moose, Frances & John Ware, Jack & Winifred Colwill, Ken & Lila Roller, Sandy Dolezal, Janet Thompson, Dennis Bogle, Karla Malaney, Rural Chaplains Association, Inc., Laura Springer, Marian Goodding, Jack Allison & Sue Wilson, Kathy & Andy Maynard



Children's Medical Fund in Burma.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Board of Trustees has been working on creating a Vision Statement. This was approved at our May meeting. This woman in Kenya now has a cart in addition to her cane. This will make it easier to travel distances and do more.

Vision Statement: **We envision a world where every individual, regardless of physical ability or economic status, has access to the life-changing gift of mobility.**



Sponsored by Audrey Speiler in memory of Dr. Rusty.



\$40,000 MATCH IS MET

Donors, you were quick to meet the Match opportunity this spring. In 3 weekly deposits after the Match letter was mailed, \$46,964 arrived. \$20,000 in Match sponsorship funds have been received already with the rest to come. Thank YOU for your heart and amazing response. Board & Staff

More are waiting for carts.

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: _____

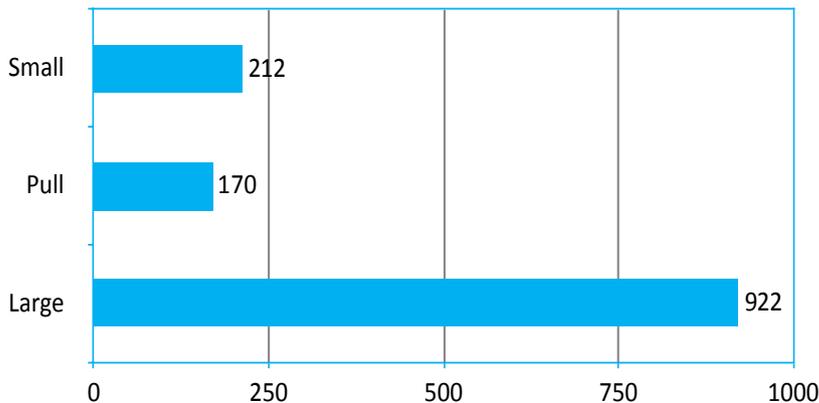
Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:
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June 10, 2025 YTD Cart Production = 1,304



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VOLUNTEERS HIGHLIGHT:

CELEBRATION AND STORIES FROM DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

At our annual volunteer banquet in April, over 100 attended (photo by Barbara Moran). **Three volunteers pictured spoke on their trip to Kenya where they distributed Mobility Carts and more with Partners for Care.** Pictured at right, Barry Johns has been welding in our shop for two years. It would not be uncommon to find him in the welding shop many days of the month. We also honored these volunteers with a plaque for their 10 years of service: Patrick Atkinson, Larry Hall, James Harrington, Bob Heinz, Dennis Holles, Charles Kribbs, Barbara Moran, Timothy Sullivan, and Karen Wilms. We are grateful for all their dedication and effort. Board & Staff



MAKING OUR CHARITABLE DOLLARS GO FURTHER: CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA

Distributions from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) are taxable in the year they are distributed. Individuals age 70.5 and older, however, may make charitable contributions directly from an IRA or an Inherited IRA to qualified charities. Distributions to qualified charities, such as Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia, are excluded from taxable income.

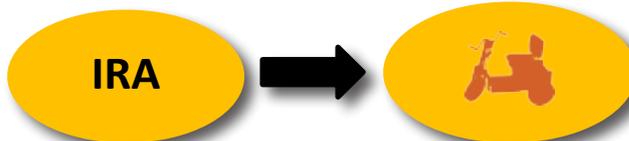
Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) were introduced in 2006 and traditionally had a limit of \$100,000 per year. Beginning in 2024, however, the limit is linked to the rate of inflation. For 2025, the QCD limit is \$108,000.

Since a QCD isn't considered taxable income, it cannot also be used as an itemized deduction. A filer must choose whether to make a QCD or itemize the charitable contribution. Even if a filer does itemize, QCDs can still be a useful strategy. For one, QCDs lower filers Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which can affect things such as the Medicare surcharge, taxation of social security, or eligibility for various programs. It can also be useful for those who have surpassed the AGI limitations for charitable deductions (currently 60% for cash donations).

Prior to December 2019 when the SECURE Act was signed, QCDs and Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) went hand-in-hand. At that time, once an individual reached the age of 70.5, they were required to take a minimum distribution from their account on an annual basis. The minimum amount is based on the account balance on December 31st of the previous year and one's life expectancy factor. QCDs could also be made starting at age 70.5 and were frequently used in tandem since the charitable deductions could be applied toward an IRA owner's RMD. Following the SECURE Act, the new Required Minimum Distribution age has been increased to 72 and has since been increased again under Secure 2.0 to age 73 or 75 based on an individual's birthdate, but the QCD age remains 70.5 and can be a powerful tax advantage for those charitably inclined.

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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.

FOUNDER TURNS 101

Rev. Mel West, who started our mission in 1994, is doing well at 101 years this past May. Thank you to all that sent birthday greetings for him; they were passed along. Over 8 more Mobility Carts were made possible in celebration (so far). Pictured here is Mel taking the mic from Gary Moreau, Executive Director, to speak to our volunteers this past April (provided by Barbara Moran). Check out Mel receiving his peanut butter and chocolate birthday pie for his 101st (provided by Mabel & Susan West).



“What we CAN do is so often limited by what we THINK we can do.”
Mel West page 89 of ‘One Damn Good Horse’