



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

MY TRIP DISTRIBUTING MOBILITY CARTS IN ZAMBIA

MOTHER & DAUGHTER GO TO AFRICA TO ASSIST AND LEARN.

August 2025 brought the opportunity to travel to Livingstone, Zambia with my daughter, Whitney, for a Mobility Cart distribution. Whitney, along with two students from Texas A&M (MW TX - Brazos Valley), had been selected as recipients of the JoAnn Shore Fund for Servant Leadership. Also traveling were Mobility Worldwide Executive Director, C.J. Stanfill, and a volunteer from MW West Michigan. The six of us were hosted by Delbert (pictured) and Sandy Groves, missionaries who lead MW Zambia.

After three flights totaling almost 24 hours in the air, we enjoyed a week filled with distributing carts and learning about needs and programs in Zambia. We visited with local residents and explored the natural beauty including Victoria Falls and an African wildlife safari. We also made new friends around the world while collecting lifelong memories.



Christi and team give a cart to Joshua in Zambia.

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We promise to serve the needs of people as a Christian ministry, but without regards to race, religion, sexual preference or other such factors.

WHY SIERRA LEONE?

During October we loaded a container of supplies to support the 2nd oldest African Affiliate shop, Sierra Leone. Some supplies are difficult to obtain e.g. 1" x 2" rectangular tubing, and we sent 400 ft. Along with other maintenance supplies like bearings, chain, sprockets, and wheels for older carts, we filled the container. In fact, the most recent shop to close in Southwest MO provided their shop tools: table saw, drill press, and band saw. Thanks SW. Lamin Mansaray, Program Manager in Sierra Leone, was at our annual conference in Wichita, KS this fall. He was able to pick out tools & supplies himself from the offerings.



Hawa received a new set of tires.

One of the many cart users that Lamin and his team have helped with maintenance is Hawa (21 years old then). **In 2015, they were able to give her a new set of mounted tires, bearings and handles to keep her 10-year-old Mobility Cart on the move. On the reporting form, it was noted her answers as using the cart '8 hours a day' and 'cause of disability was Polio Sequelae'. Polio Sequelae or the late effects of Polio occur in 25 to 40% of polio survivors.**

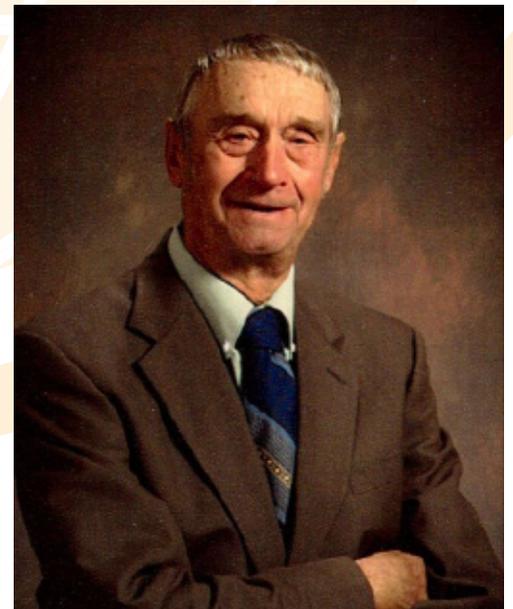
Sierra Leone started as a wheelchair factory; so, to complement we sent many adaptive devices. Medical Loan Closet in Wichita sent 3 full 6 ft tall Gaylord boxes of crutches, walkers, and orthopedic boots. Think about the impacts. When a recipient leaves their cart, they might need a cane, crutch, walker, to move around their house and now they have one.

Of course, we sent Mobility Carts, too. This container is our 10th in 2025 and one or two more probably this year. The history of Columbia shop is to serve the world. Most of the 106 countries served have received carts from Columbia. With our donors help, we will continue in 2026. Can we count on you to help?

- GARY

REMEMBERING A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER

In 1999, Neil Richter in Kansas began his journey with our mission. He spent his life as a farmer. He heard of us through his church, Fancy Creek Zion United Methodist Church. He began welding parts for us. Twice a year, he would arrive at the shop with a pick-up load of welded parts and a check. He also made and contributed other items that we sent out to our Distribution and Delivery Partners. For over 20 years, he was a faithful supporter. He passed at age 90 years old in October. Thank you, Friend.



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:

- Megan Ankeney by Harrold & Nancy Ankeney
- Don Down by Ann & Dick Dyniewicz
- Lorin Dressel by Roger Richie
- Bill Gortmaker by Colleen & Gary Ostercamp
- Gunnar Holte by Karma Schwader
- Jeanne, Marty, and May by Kathy Perks
- Charlie Olmsted by Mark & Leigh Kottwitz
- Lawrence Oliver by Virginia Oliver
- Donald Van den Berghe by Judith LeFevre, Gene & Nancy Iannotti, Markus Zegels, Barbara Levy, Katherine & John Williams
- Jay R. Wilson by Mary Anne Wilson

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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Ken Armstrong by Joe Wilson
- Elmer Bigham 90th birthday by Marjorie Bigham
- Cletus Baurichter 105th birthday by Steve & Julia Baurichter
- Elaine Gortmaker by Colleen & Gary Ostercamp
- Walt Hays by Bob and Judy Gastrock
- Marge Hicks & Roger Hofmeister by Carolyn Johnson
- Roger, Marge, & Hofmeister Family by Reginald Dusing
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan
- Alan Wessler by Clay and Sally Logan
- Barbara & Mel West by Ed & Myra Kail
- Mel West by Kathryn Digges, Frances & John Ware



DIRECTOR IS GIVEN THE COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD



At the beginning of Oct., twelve of us from the Columbia shop went to our mission's annual conference. There we connected with our sister Affiliates, shared resources (parts and ideas), and listened to various presentations. Lamin Mansaray from the Sierra Leone Affiliate (see other article) and Tabitha Kyambade (pictured) from Pathways to Hope Africa both spoke on the current state of things in the countries they work and of the great need of mobility.



While there, C.J. Stanfill, MW Executive Director, presented a new award called The Community Builder Award. *"This award honors an individual whose leadership, collaboration, and compassion strengthen the Mobility Worldwide family, both within their shop and across all Affiliates."*

This year's recipient, Gary Moreau, has spent years bringing people together. Through his dedication and heart for others, Gary has helped build more than carts. He's also helped build a community focused on helping bring mobility to others.

Congratulations, Gary, and thank you for showing what it means to move forward together."

Award inscription: In recognition of your leadership in building relationships that inspire and connect the Mobility Worldwide community. - Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR GIFT DOUBLED?

This fall, 2 families have teamed together to offer a Match of up to \$44,000. It's not too late for your \$25 gift of 1 mounted tire to become 2 or \$425 to become two Mobility Carts. Your gifts and carts could end up in countries like Botswana, Kenya, Guatemala or Sierra Leone. So far this fall, we shipped for each of these countries. Our volunteers are eager to produce and ship your carts. Thank you in advance for helping persons like Alfred, a father, who was injured on the job.



Alfred was injured during his work as a mason.

“I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR.”

- REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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: _____

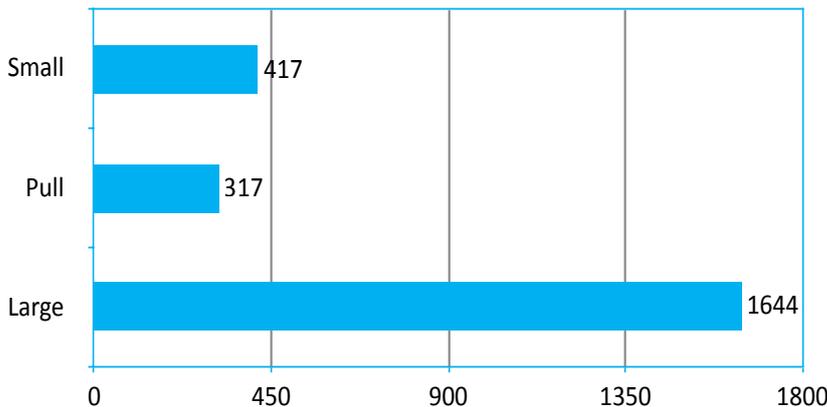
Organization, if any: _____

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



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October 31, 2025 YTD Cart Production = 2,378



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Whitney is pictured with the other Servant Leadership winners & C.J.

learning together and delivering carts from three different MW shops. This experience fostered meaningful cooperation and communication around the globe while striving to bring hope, dignity, and mobility to others.

With gratitude, Christi Farmer (pictured with Joshua), Board Trustee since 2020

Hearing stories from cart recipients was both inspiring and heart wrenching.

One recipient was Joshua, a stoic 13-year-old boy. Joshua's mother told the story of his premature birth where his twin did not survive. Joshua's legs had gangrene and were amputated

at his knees when he was just one week old. After 13 years of walking with shoes on his leg stumps, Joshua was delighted with his new cart and newfound mobility.

Joshua and other children also enjoyed tossing a football and popping bubbles with the college students as they awaited the cart distributions. Smiles are infectious and bring joy around the world, despite language barriers.



A unique aspect of this distribution trip was bringing together volunteers from multiple Mobility Worldwide entities while

If you like to give online through CoMoGives, we are participating again. It is a multi county project of the Community Foundation of Central MO. The campaign will run the month of December including Giving Tuesday on December 2.



“NO ONE EVER MADE A GREATER MISTAKE THAN HE WHO DID NOTHING BECAUSE HE COULD ONLY DO A LITTLE.”

- EDMUND BURKE

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 low income or underdeveloped countries.

DID YOU KNOW LIONS ARE EVERYWHERE?

Within 30 miles of the Columbia shop is Jefferson City, MO. The Jefferson City Hosts Lions Club brought 19 members over to work for one hour before they held a short meeting and lunch. In one hour, they assembled carts, upper chain guards,

crank handles, pop rivet brake handles, and other tasks. Hosts Lions have decorated and sponsored a cart each year for Hearts for Carts. Mary Wang’ang’a, the Mobility Program Director with Partners for Care in Kenya, is also a Lion (pictured). Lions help around the globe improving lives with mobility!!! Thank you, Lions.



Lioness Mary delivers another cart in Kenya (PFC).