



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

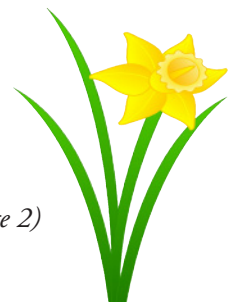
GIRL POWER

WOMEN HELPING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF MOBILITY.

Some of you are reading this for the first time. We are glad to have you connected and hope you will find the best way to join our family of supporters. With Mother's Day coming, we wanted to share with all of you these reports of women helping other women and girls in Kenya. Mary Wang'ang'a at Partners for Care in Kenya is the Mobility Director. She is responsible for coordinating the delivery and distribution of the appropriate mobility device(s) and sending reports. Thank you, Mary.



Another girl in Kenya is on the move now.



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

GIRL POWER (Continued)

Last fall, Mary sent word of the beginning of fulfilling mobility needs to all in the second county of Kenya. The First Lady's flagship program, the Njiwa Jiinue Initiative, focuses on women, children, and persons with disabilities, addressing critical community needs and promoting resilience. This is an excerpt of Mary's report.

*"...Yesterday, I attended the launch of Mel West Vision 2 at Tharaka Nithi, which took place at two locations. **It was a truly inspiring event where 787 people living with disabilities received mobility devices.**"*



The occasion was beautifully graced by the First Lady of Tharaka Nithi (county), Honorable Margaret Muthomi (pictured in blue dress). The county has warmly named this empowering program "Jiinue," which means "uplift" in Swahili. Community health volunteers were also present and played a vital role in mobilizing the people with disabilities for the event. ...

A special thank you goes to Mobility Worldwide, Sam Singer Shop, Missouri Columbia, and Friends of Disabled Adults and Children for generously providing the devices. It was truly humbling to see people who previously had no mobility aids go home happy and with the gift of mobility. I am also deeply humbled for the support we facilitated to make this event possible.

A heartfelt thank you to Partners for the Care for the support. As the First Lady expressed, "This program is a beacon of hope and empowerment for our community. Thank you for walking this journey with us." One of the beneficiaries also shared, "With this mobility device, my world has expanded—thank you for giving me freedom and dignity." Mary Wang'ang'a (pictured at top in a blue cart t-shirt)



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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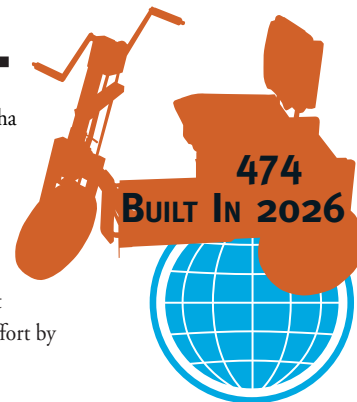
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YOUR FALL GIFTS ARE LIFTING OTHERS

The Community Foundation of Central MO promoted CoMOGives for the month of December. 81 families gave \$14,965 for 35 Mobility Carts. In addition, our fall Match drive for \$44,000 was met and our sponsors have given their Matching dollars. That built and shipped 200+ more carts.

Thank YOU to everyone who participated in these drives. We are currently producing on average 59 Mobility Carts a week. 373 have shipped out in 2026. We are grateful for your dedicated support.

SHARING STORIES CHANGING LIVES

As Executive Director, one of my principal jobs is to visit groups and tell our story. A great example of groups responding was recently through the Altrusa Club of Mexico, MO. I received an invitation to show a cart and video in front of 24 members on a cold January noon meeting. In response, they published a nice report in the Mexico newspaper and more importantly they voted to sponsor and decorate a cart for July 12 Hearts for Carts. (Pictured with member, Sharon Sharp.)

Mel West, our founder, started this over 16 years ago with the Altrusa Club visit. Now the club is again sponsoring a cart and will be lifting one person off the ground in Kenya. Someone they will never meet but will receive a framed photograph of the life they have changed.

So when can I come to your favorite club, church group, or service club? My schedule is open all spring. We have a great project, a nice story to tell, and an inspirational 4 min video that might cause a few tears of emotion. Help me fill up my schedule. If I cannot come, we have skilled speakers that can attend. Open the doors; so, we can inspire more lives to be changed.

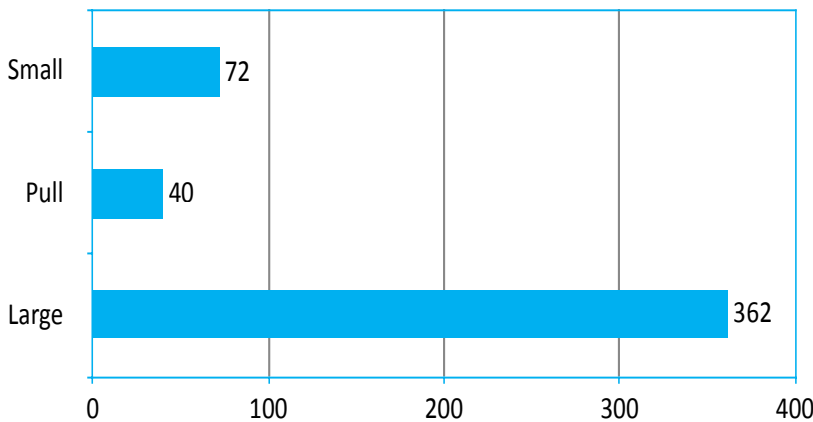


- GARY Gary shares at the Altrusa Club meeting.

“YOU CAN’T CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE SOMEONE’S WHOLE WORLD.”

- ANDREW GIFFORD

February 28, 2026 YTD Cart Production = 474



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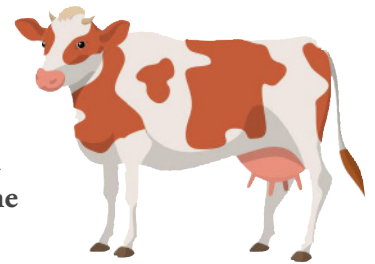
On February 10, Mel West, wrote a Guest Commentary for the Columbia Missourian. (Excerpts and picture by permission.) You can find the whole article online at the newspaper; once there, search by 'Mel West, compassion'. As you read, know that Mel is a retired pastor and before that, a dairy farmer. He has also worked with or started many non-profits helping people around the world.

The "Reader's Digest" recently asked readers to send in the story of "When I was most proud of my country." This will be my story.

At the close of World War II, Europe was devastated. The incessant bombings and battles and the travels of troops had left cities and towns in piles of rubble, and farmlands trampled by machines of war and raided by hungry troops. Hunger stalked the land as breeding and work animals and seed stores had been eaten.

Gen. George Marshall Jr. went to President Harry Truman, described the situation and said, "Mr. President, we must rebuild what we destroyed, and we must do it now."

The Marshall Plan was immediately begun. **I had a very small part in it by soliciting farm animals to ship.** The "Victory Ships" that carried troops during the war were put to work to haul whatever was donated or purchased — food, grain, seeds, work animals, food animals, farm machinery, medicines, tools and much more. Hundreds of ships plied the waters that had carried our troops with their tools of destruction. **Volunteers from the peace churches were on board to care for the animals.**



..... When a shipload was being dedicated in Germany, the German official receiving the load said, "Never before in the history of humankind has the defeated nation been treated with such generosity and grace as you have treated us."

Recently, I introduced him to our new board Trustee, Sarah Banks, at his place for a little visit. I share this article excerpt for a variety of reasons. One to show he is doing well and still sharing ideas to make the world we live in a better place. Second to say we are still grateful for his leadership and wisdom. Third to say he will be turning 102 years old in May..... Thank you and Happy Birthday, Mel!

**- KATHY MAYNARD
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**





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See you on Sunday, July 12 at the MU Health Care Pavilion.

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.

MEET OUR METAL GUY, CARL

Every Tuesday and Thursday, our shop looks forward to seeing Carl Yager perform his metal room duties. **Carl is the lead on the Upright Milling Machine.** His career as a Mechanical Engineer from Mizzou helps keep the metal parts supplied. Carl has a hand on almost every drilling fixture in the shop. He is our Go To person to answer questions. Thank you, Carl.

At 89 years young, Carl shows by example how to lead in retirement. He was working the Food Bank next to Dave Roseberg and acted on an invitation to start with us 12 years ago. And the rest is history.

Carl grew up in Paris MO, then to Moberly Junior College and his Engineering Degree from Mizzou in 1961. He spent 3 years in the Navy. Then retired from AB Chance (Hubbell Power) in Centralia. Carl enjoys 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He was a caregiver for his wife for 3 years and now a widower. He has a close relationship with Lavonne Patterson after meeting her at the shop. So look out when you volunteer at Columbia shop. Wonderful things happen. Thank you, Carl for being everyone’s friend.

