



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

CARTS ROLL ACROSS SIERRA LEONE

OUR SISTER AFFILIATE IS TRANSPORTING YOUR CARTS AROUND THEIR COUNTRY IN AFRICA.

We're excited to share an update from a shipment of Mobility Carts that was sent to Sierra Leone last October. The shipping container included 152 carts in 3 models, 50 Mini-Marts kits to start a business from a cart, other mobility devices, donated shop equipment from KS, and more. In the spring, Lamin Mansaray received the shipment and began the work of distribution.

In June, he reported to our mission family he had come back from the far east of Sierra Leone where their truck transported 50 Mobility Carts for recipients. **This young lady with a leg amputation now has a crutch and a cart to participate in her community.** After the distribution, the truck had to go to the shop for work. We have sent carts and supplies to Lamin's team over the years.

They not only build / deliver new carts, but do follow up reporting, and repair or maintenance on older carts. It has been a great relationship to help those in need of mobility. Thank you Mobility Worldwide Sierra Leone.

Each Cart represents increased independence, mobility, and opportunity. The stories reflected in these images are a powerful reminder of the impact your support makes possible. Individuals who once faced significant barriers to movement are now able to travel more freely, work, and engage more fully in their communities.

The Mobility Cart for this young man was transported to his home by motorcycle for 18 kilos or about 11 miles.



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Best Year Ever

Hearts for Carts just celebrated its 8th event held in July. In 2019, 31 Mobility Carts were sponsored. We are grateful to all of you that decorated a cart, was a sponsor at any level, helped set up or cleanup, hauled Mobility Carts to the shop afterwards and more.



- 166 Mobility Carts sponsored in 2026
- Hundreds showed up and enjoyed the event and music.
- 50/50 raffle winner donated their winnings.
- Event Sponsors: Aurora Organic Dairy, Equipment Share, General Printing, PROENERGY, Rotary Macon, Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School 4th Grade



The voting tickets by attendees chose the SME (Society of Manufacturing Engineers) cart as the Fan Favorite. It is pictured with its artist, Katy Willis.



Fan Favorite by SME with its artist.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



ADD TO YOUR LEGACY BY BECOMING PART OF OUR LEGACY VISION SOCIETY.

As donors review their estate plans, they can designate a portion of their estate to a cause they deeply care about, allowing their legacy to live on through the work of Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia. Planned gifts can bring tax benefits to you and your heirs. Such gifts can be made while you're living or after your death. Possible donations that can be accepted may include:

- A percentage of your portfolio
- Land or other real estate
- Life insurance policies
- Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD) from your IRA / Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)
- Stock Transfers from your IRA to our brokerage account
- Other Non-Probate Transfers

Interested? Ask your attorney or financial advisor to include a statement in your will or trust, designating a percentage of your estate (large or small) to Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia. Let your advisors know that our EIN# is 20-5640563. Questions? Contact Gary Moreau, Executive Director, at 573-886-7877, or email him at Gary@giftofmobility.org. And thank you for your support!

Legacy Vision Society gifts from your estate 'moves the mission forward', ensuring that lives of people with lower limb immobility continue to be changed for years to come. Your contributions support cart materials purchases, shop supplies, production costs and boxing for shipping, all by our volunteer work force.

- Alan Wessler, Fundraising Chair & Board Trustee

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:

- Milton Bailey by Elizabeth Bailey
- Charles Bearden by James & Janet Hall
- Tom Buhrkuhl by Jerry & Patricia Bouse, Waymon & Nancy Boast, Mary Buhrkuhl
- Sharon Ann Bullock by Robert & Margaret Bullock
- Lorin Dressel by Dennison Staub
- Rev. Joan Goebel by Hudson United Methodist Men
- Ralph Havener by Mickey Havener
- John Hicks by Marge Hicks
- Leon Johnson by Eileen Johnson, Nancy & Keith Buchholz
- Jon Kerrick by Marilyn Kerrick

- Barbara & Bob March by Alicia Hagan
- Elsie Nieders by James & Janet Hall
- Bill and Shirlee Poore by Karla Malaney
- Iris Rumbaugh by Steve, Dovie & Rose Weston
- Don & Wanda Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Bonnie Stanton by Clarence Brink, Jr., Matt Stanton, Carol Garver, Jeff & Helen Watson, William & Marla Sanford, Shirley Corum, Jack & Susan Longfellow, Dennis & Karen Williamson, Joseph & Deanne Rothermel, John & Linda Dilliner, Gary & Kathleen Adams, and Paula Rogers
- Barbara Doak West by Helen & Steve Schoene
- Arthur and Ruth Witt by Judith Witt & Bruce Pack

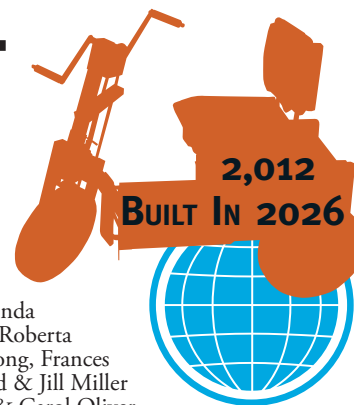
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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Jeff & Jan anniversary by Joyce Anderson
- Carmen Laux by Dan & Kris Laux
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan, Jonathan Lee
- Tom Haire by Ronnie & Bobette Landis
- Tara and Preston Jones by Christine & Ron Houser
- Tom Rickett's 90th Birthday by Jethro Shaw
- Helen Doak Schoene by Helen & Steve Schoene
- Mel Toellner's birthday by Bev Toellner
- Lloyd Viehland by Mel West
- Mel Wagner by Anne Wagner
- Carl Yager's 90th Birthday by Pamela Davis, Leeanna Yager-Delaney

- Laura Zaremski by Patrick & Joan Sheehy
- **Happy 102nd Birthday (and more), Mel West!** by Geisse Foundation, Lloyd Viehland, Lorene Trickey, Marilyn Garrett, Susan West, Missouri 4-H Foundation, Eric & Linda Lorenz, Barrett Glascock, Catherine Roberta Carson, Mabel West, John & Lois Long, Frances & John Ware, Charles Schoene, Todd & Jill Miller Gardner, Max & Anne Miller, Rich & Carol Oliver (& with gratitude for three healthy grandchildren), Mark & Deborah Schrader, Don & Fran Day, Sandy Matsuda, Kathy & Andy Maynard, Lisa Hoefner, Jim Zajicek, and Edwin Burchard



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We are grateful to all of you who played a role in building, supporting, and shipping these life-changing resources. Thank you for helping Give the Gift of Mobility, Dignity, and Opportunity to our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone.



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.

MEETING THE BISHOP FROM MOZAMBIQUE

This summer our Executive Director, Gary Moreau, manned an informational booth at the annual MO United Methodist Church Conference. The Conference and UMCs around the country have been very supportive of our mission project since our beginning in 1994. Gary met the Bishop from Mozambique pictured. Gary reported at the August board meeting, he is working with the bishop to assemble a container of Mobility Carts to Mozambique, with the United Methodist Church as a sponsor.



Work begins with the Bishop from Mozambique.

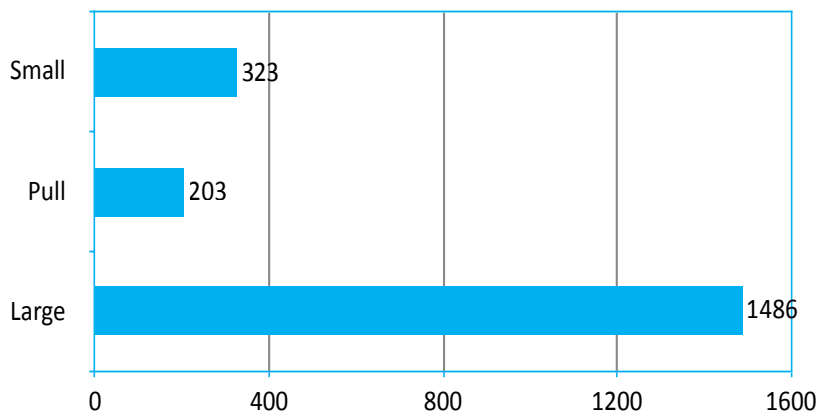
GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Please remember and choose MSECC 9009 when you sign up for the MO State Employees Charitable Campaign this fall. Let's provide more Mobility Carts to those in need around the globe.

"WE ACT IN SUPPORT OF A FAITH THAT TELLS US THAT THE GIFT OF MOBILITY IS ONE OF THOSE INHERENT HUMAN RIGHTS ALONGSIDE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"

- REV. MEL WEST, FOUNDER

August 18, 2026 YTD Cart Production = 2,012



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 ea.

\$_____ for _____ set of tires.

Set of 3 tires & wheels at \$80 for each cart.

\$7000 covers shipping a container.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:
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LIKE MINDS CHANGE THE WORLD

ONE SEWING MACHINE AT A TIME IMPROVES LIVES.

“Melvin, how can these women survive without a sewing machine?” Barbara West asked her husband. They had gone to Costa Rica to see homes built through Habitat for Humanity. Thus, in the early 1970s began The Sewing Machine Project (TSMP) in Columbia Missouri as a personal project of the Wests.

It began with a few machines repaired by local shops who donated their labor and the Wests paid for the parts. In 2008 volunteer Jim Sandfry started refurbishing machines. The project greatly expanded including setting up a repair space in the Mobility Cart shop. Today, over 15 volunteers work at TSMP, to repair, clean, oil, sort notions and fabric, and build shipping boxes. (See picture of the work room.) Donations needed include repairable sewing machines, cotton fabrics (at least ½ yard), and notions, especially newer thread. Some of the group met with Mel in July to talk about the history of TSMP. (Rev. West founded both missions.)

Mel shared his belief that we are part of God’s eternal life – not sitting on a cloud, but doing good things on earth that positively impact others, then they do something for someone else, and so on, eternal life.

Today, The Sewing Machine Project sends over 350 machines a year to countries such as Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Haiti, Panama, Honduras, The Republic of Georgia, Zambia, Malawi, and Kenya. They mostly ship out with a cart shipment as requested by Distribution and Delivery Partners.

TSMP is housed with Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia and part of their 501c3 with the IRS. Each raise and use their own funds. The volunteers also crossover in their donated work hours. These are some examples of what they also do for the mobility mission: Board Treasurer, Board Recording Secretary, repair shop machines, help with open houses and many more things.

The sturdy wood shipping box for each sewing machine includes new scissors, needles, extension cord, oil, and reading glasses so that older men and women can see to thread the needle. Donated fabric goes with each machine. They also put in tennis balls and little toy cars made by local woodworkers for the children. Some sewing schools make benches out of the shipping boxes on which they sit to sew and to store supplies and projects.

(Rev. Mel West, founder, is seated. Group photo and story courtesy of Barbara Moran, second from left.)



Sewing volunteers join founder for lunch.



Linda (center) shares with visitors during Open House.

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.

Best Year Ever (Continued)

Judge's Favorite by Fairview United Methodist Church was covered in painted birds in many different colors.

Sponsored Carts Head to Kenya.....

All HFC sponsored carts were loaded on August 13 and heading to our Distribution and Delivery Partner, Partners for Care, in Kenya. The carts begin their journey by truck, rail, ship and then another truck in Kenya. Then our DDP's work begins reassembly of carts, transporting, taking pictures and reporting back to us to share with all of you.

In July, two containers were loaded mixed with school furniture, Mobility Carts, sewing machines and more for Ghana. Mel Toellner,

our shop friend, coordinated it with a priest from Ghana serving parishes here in eastern MO. Mel loaded it at his company's warehouse in Mexico, MO. Columbia sent 69 Large Carts, 18 sewing machines, 20 Mini-Marts and miscellaneous.

