Mobility Worldwide®
MO-Columbia

Give the Gift of Mobility, Dignity, and Opportunity

Maker of the MOBILITY CART since 1994.

Gliding Free

Polio forced crawling; you provided gliding.

Polio has been one of the major reasons we are sadly in business. As the cart raises someone off the ground, it also prevents other problems like a scrapped knee or cuts that could lead to infections. Thankfully, you have partnered with us for 32 years to improve lives around the world. Here is a picture and story from Partners for Care in Kenya.

"**For years, polio forced me to crawl across Huruma slums' dusty paths, inch by inch, to markets, friends, or just to be in the sun.** Stares and pity followed, but I pressed on. 'The human spirit bends but never breaks,' my late mother said; her words fueling me. Then, PFC arrived with my Mobility Cart. I climbed in, pushed forward, and glided free. **Tears fell and neighbors cheered my first roll down the street. No more scrapped knees; just dignity and hope reborn.**

Thank you….God bless you." Gratefully, Nicholas



$33,000 Match Drive In Progress

You have probably received a letter or email announcing our latest Match opportunity. 3 families from MO, KS and WA have come together to sponsor the $33,000 Match this fall. We look forward to your continued support to change lives one cart at a time.

Fall Is Time For Change



The Fall in central Missouri appears to be very poor color as the leaves change this year. However, at the Mel and Barbara West Cart Center the fall has brought lots of changes.

Changes that are always good, and so well accepted by our dedicated volunteers. Beginning last year, the Board began discussing the issue of parking. They approved the 2026 budget which included a reserve held for an improvement to our property. This was covered by just one large Legacy Vision Society gift received earlier. For the past year, we have been parking on the streets with a parking lot full of cars. **During August we extended our parking lot for 18 more spaces.** Boone County reps, engineers, our staff, our board, and a construction company were all involved in the project. Even a church in a nearby town contributed leftover parking blocks that were attracting weeds. Shop volunteers hauled them to our lot. What a Team project!



Concrete poured for parking extension.

What a nice problem to have when last month over 130 volunteers helped lift people off the ground. Now we will have room for visitors, volunteers, vendors, deliveries, and more. Thank you, donors, for making it happen.



Parking blocks donated by Compass Church.

The Assembly Room has been reorganized to accommodate much more efficiently the flow of making and packing a cart. We closed for a week and already are seeing stronger production. We have averaged over 60 carts a week in 2026. The reorganization is going to allow over 70 per week. Hurray for faithful donors.

Sunday October 18 during the Virtual Elephant online auction, we helped Partners for Care to raise over $105,000. This will provide funds to ship 16 ocean containers to Kenya and distribute mobility in 2027. **Columbia will be shipping as many as 12 containers to Kenya next year. With your gifts, we pay to cover shipping expenses from our door to the Kenyan port.** Mobility Carts are always given away free to each recipient. A double Hurray Hurray for faithful donors.

We welcome you to come and see the fall changes. - **Gary**

We promise to never sell or share our donor list. All your information will be strictly confidential.

"In the end, your life is no more than the sum of what you gave your attention to."

- John Mark Comer, Author

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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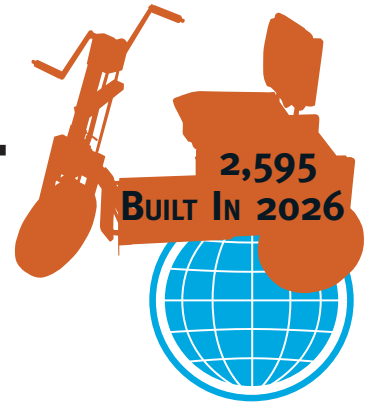
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Gifts Given In Memory:

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- Ian Dunlap by Nancy Waters
- Olive Rusk Fay by Elton & Barb Fay
- Harold Hull by Kathy Hull
- Ed Krattli & Joyce Schattgen by Jim & Joanne Taylor
- Erica Pickard by Blair Pickard
- Jay Wilson by Mary Anne Wilson
- Lawrence & Mary Wolf by Barbara Wolf



Gifts Given In Honor:

- Dr. Nathaniel Murphey's birthday by Ava Swofford
- Mel West by Frances & John Ware, Kathryn Digges

Young Folks Step Up & Roll Out

Columbia high school Key Clubs (Kiwanis) have begun annual cart races to raise awareness and have fun. "… the Tolton Key Club won the 2026 inaugural crank powered race." - report by Larry, Boonslick Kiwanis Club. Altogether, they sponsored 2 decorated Mobility Carts for our Hearts for Cart event this summer.

"MU students pitched in to crank carts for Mobility in the 2026 Mizzou Homecoming Parade. They were members of Kappa Sigma and Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternities." – report and pictures by Laura, shop volunteer. Students included Greg, Caleb, Michael, Owen, Caden, Zach, and Cole. Joining the students were some of our other shop volunteers, board Trustees, and founder who got to ride in a Pull Cart. Brochures are handed out along the route. Some of our volunteers have come from connections during parades. Founder, Mel West graduated from Mizzou. In 2019, the University of MO gave Mel an honorary doctorate for all his good works for humanity.





Founder gets a ride in parade.

Did You Know?

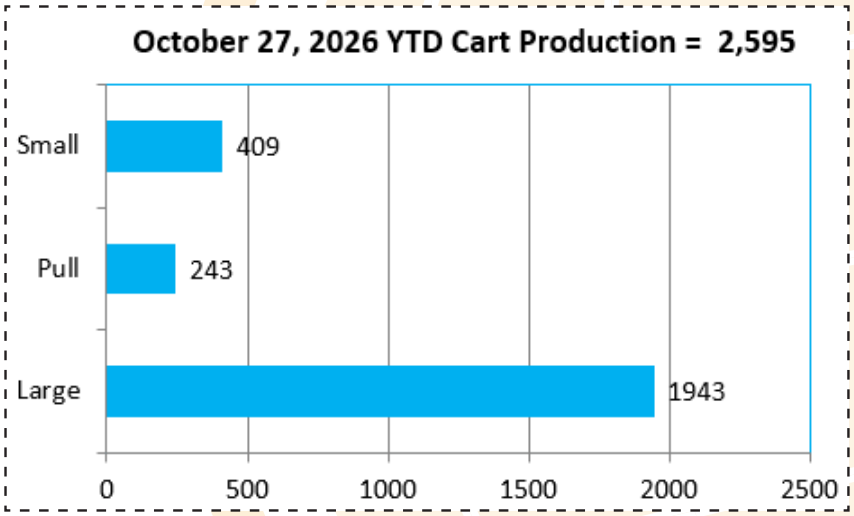
We send a card to each person or family when you send a gift 'in memory' or 'in honor' of. As long as an address is included, we send a card to acknowledge your gift. The card includes a recipient (pictured) and our story inside. Just fill out the form on the return envelope with your gift enclosed, if you'd like us to send a card.





"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

- Aristotle



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: _____

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City, State, Zip:

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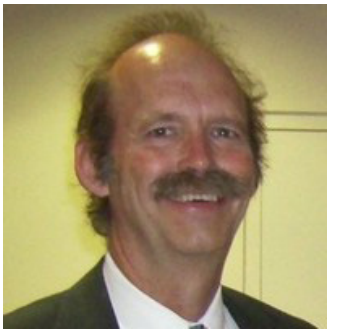
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Hero And Hall Of Famers

Recently, some of our long-time supporters were honored for their work, and we wanted to share with you. At our Annual Conference this fall with volunteers from the other production shops, the MW international office recognized these two individuals for contributions to our mission family. Any one of the shops can nominate someone for the Hall of Fame medal. I will note some of what they have done for our shop alone over the years.



Charles Sauer from TX won; his family has long been connected to our founder. **He has for decades contributed in particular in the IT field: website, email accounts, postings, and more.** Even today, he is available and assists routinely. He has been a major watchdog over our website, which is so key to our organization's success and growth.



Mel Toellner from MO won. His company, Songbird Station, buys our shipping boxes, transports supplies, and temporarily stores supplies from some of our big item bulk purchases in their warehouse. **He personally promotes by sharing our mission story including connecting us to a new Distribution and Delivery Partner last year.** Recently he did that by opening his home for a 'watch party' to participate in the Virtual Elephant fundraising auction (to transport mobility) held by our Kenyan partner. In the past, Mel has been a Trustee of our Columbia board.

Mary Wang'ang'a is the Mobility Director for Partners for Care in Kenya. **Mary's 2026 National Heroine award celebrates her transformative role in disability inclusion and community development, recognized nationally for her philanthropic leadership and tangible impact on Kenyan society.** (Photo courtesy of PFC.)



Mary receives the 2026 National Heroine award in Kenya.

Partners for Care's Summer 2026 newsletter excerpt on Mary's 'Elderly Cannot Wait Program' to provide appropriate mobility. This program grew from the overall 'Mel West Vision' of mobilizing all in one country. "Since its inception, the program has provided mobility devices to over 4,789 elderly individuals across Trans-Nzoia and Bomet counties…"

"Mary's compassion shone through as she oversaw the entire process together with the partners. From assessments and fittings to home follow-ups, she ensured that every elderly person received the support they needed to move safely indoors and outdoors. She supervised post-delivery checks to confirm they could comfortably access toilets, markets, churches, and family gatherings. Mary also coordinated follow-up visits and community support, making sure each person continued to receive care and assistance beyond the initial delivery.

Mary's steady coordination ensured every elderly person identified in Bomet received the mobility device they needed, restoring dignity, connection, and purpose. Through her communitybased care, Mary Wang'ang'a shows what true compassion looks like. This work was made possible through generous partners who provided Mobility Carts and devices, including Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), and Mobility Worldwide East Alabama & West Georgia. Together, these partners and Mary's leadership turned a global vision into local transformation — ensuring the elderly no longer have to wait to walk again."

We whole heartedly agree with these accolades and thank Mel, Charles, and Mary for their many efforts in getting mobility to those most in need around the globe.

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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 low income or underdeveloped countries.

Your Gift + Cart + Mini-Mart = Self-Sufficient

Years ago, one of our Delivery & Distribution Partners asked us to go one step further. Once folks were mobile, the next step was to help adults make a living. In 2010, Mini-Mart kits were developed as a way for some Mobility Cart recipients near populated areas to sell items and earn a living. These are sent with cart shipments when requested by our partners. Each kit costs $35. (Also, check out the kit and cart recipient in the Hero and Hall of Famers article.)

- One 28-quart cooler to sell cold items like drinks.
- One rear, wooden deck platform for cooler mounting to the cart cargo area made by our volunteers at the shop.
- Two sturdy plastic trays that fit under the seat to hold small items for sale.

The photo is courtesy of Mobility Worldwide – Sierra Leone. **Before becoming an Affiliate, their organization was started in 2008 by three wheelchair technicians who had trained at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Tanzania**. We are glad to support Lamin Mansaray and his team for many years now.



She can be mobile & start a business in Sierra Leone.