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TX – San Antonio

*"Providing Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Carts
to the World's Most Vulnerable People Since 1994"*



March 2018

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

San Antonio Mobility Cart Spotted In Liberia



In our September 2017 newsletter, Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio reported that we contributed 33 Mobility Carts to a larger shipment of Carts made at various shops across the US that were to be shipped to Liberia, Africa. Thanks to Kathy Maynard of Mobility Worldwide (International) for passing along the next chapter in the story: the Carts arrived! They were then distributed by the United Methodist Women in Liberia to those in need. One of the recipients is Abel Gbeadquoi, pictured here (L), a junior student at the Nimba Community College. He has not been in school recently because he lacked a wheelchair. However, Abel now says, "I will return to school as of January 2018 with this new wheelchair."

The United Methodist Women in Liberia reported they received about 180 Mobility Carts, worth \$54,000. That's quite an investment in the lives of these citizens, but well worth it. Richard Baldwin, volunteer in the San Antonio, Texas workshop, recognized from the photo that the man in the front row, below left, received a Cart from San Antonio, which he identified by our unique way of installing the seat bracket (different from the other shops).

***This Mobility Cart,
now in Nimba County
in northern Liberia,
was made in the San
Antonio shop!***



***Thanks to Julu Swen,
Journalist/Transitional
Justice Worker, for these
photos and story details.***

According to Rev. Rose Farhat, director of Liberia's United Methodist Women, the distribution of the wheelchairs in Liberia is the women's way of addressing the needs of their sisters and brothers who are physically challenged. Rev. Farhat said that the prayers of the physically challenged, especially those with mobility problems, have been answered. She stated, "You all prayed for wheelchairs and someone in the United States of America heard your prayers."

Jartu Morris, a female recipient, said the Mobility Cart would help her cover more distances, adding, "No more spending money on motorbike taxis for transportation." Another recipient, Eric Gboluma, pointed out that the hand-cranked Cart will reduce the use of his palms on his regular wheels, which he uses to propel his regular wheelchair.

Mother Yei Sendolo, age 80, is shown in the photo below, as she receives her new Mobility Cart.



GOING HIGH-TECH

Transitioning To Email To Improve Communications

In these days of instant messaging and quick updates to keep everyone informed of current information, Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio has started the move toward electronic newsletters and short email blurbs. We hope to provide you with exciting events as they happen rather than sending them out by regular mail sometimes two to three months after the fact.

We thank those volunteers and supporters of this mission work who responded to our recent request for your email address so we could begin to make that move. To those who sent us your email address, our newsletter mailing list is being updated to include that information. And to those who weren't asked or haven't had the time to reply, we want to give you another opportunity to get on the list.

Please email us at: mwsanantonio@gmail.com. At that time, you can give us approval to send correspondence to you electronically or you can request to continue to receive your newsletter by regular mail.

We currently send 365 newsletters by regular mail, four times a year. At a cost of \$1.00 for producing each newsletter, we could save \$1,460 a year. And with that savings we could make and ship an additional 5 Carts!

CELEBRATING OUR 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Supporters, Distribution Partners, Volunteers

On January 20, 2018, we held our Ninth Annual Celebration Banquet at the Golden Wok Restaurant in San Antonio. Special thanks goes out to Richard Baldwin, Joe Srubar, and Gail Srubar for setting up and hosting the banquet. It was an evening for Volunteers to meet Donors and Supporters, and vice versa, and to visit with Distribution Partners from Acuña, Mexico. It was a time of discussing our accomplishments in 2017 and our goals for 2018. And we shared our common passion for helping disabled people in disadvantaged areas to gain independence and become productive citizens where they live and work.



Pictured here is Ninfa Garcia (speaking), the new Director of Development of Integral Families (DIF) in Acuña, Mexico, expressing her thanks and the appreciation from the city of Acuña for Mobility Worldwide's donations of Mobility Carts to disabled people living in Acuña. To Ninfa's left is Alfredo Martelet, Sub-Director of DIF. Assisting with translation is Lety Torres, advocate and friend of DIF, Acuña. To the right is Joe Srubar, Vice President of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio. And partially obscured by the microphone is Ninfa's daughter, Yolanda Martinez.

We were pleased that the group from Acuña could visit our workshop the next day before heading back home. To the right in the photo, bottom left, Tom Martin, President of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio, leads a tour of the shop, while Alfredo Martelet, Esther Talamás de Pérez, Ninfa Garcia, Rob Remig, and Mac McCain look on.

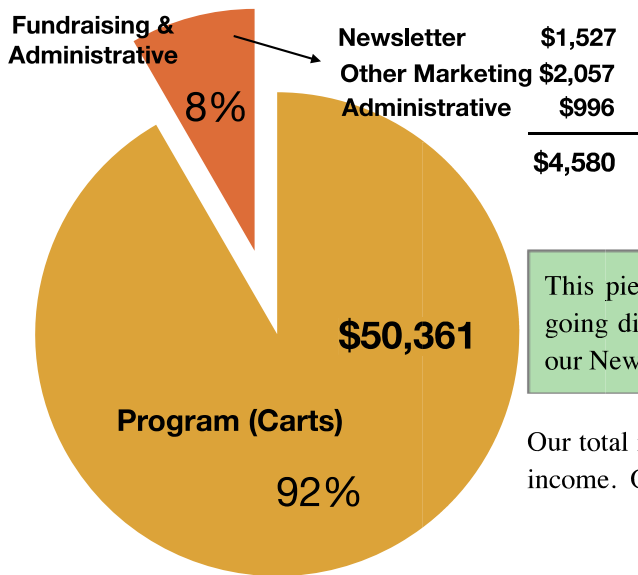
To our surprise, Esther Talamás de Pérez then presented a very generous donation to Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio (photo, bottom right), happily received by Tom Martin. Esther is the immediate past President of DIF Acuña and will be now working with a non-profit foundation in the state of Coahuila whose goal it is to improve the lives and conditions of people living beyond the border cities in that state. On the left is Mac McCain, and on the right is Lety Torres.



TRACKING YOUR DONATIONS

Production, Shipping, Income, and Expense Reports for 2017

Functional Expenses



The numbers are in and we are pleased to report to our supporters how we handled your donations and how many lives you touched in 2017 by giving them the "Gift of Mobility."

Last year, we built 176 Mobility Carts, which is 26 over our goal of 150. To build that many Carts, it took our volunteers 3,250 combined hours. And we shipped 155 of those Carts to Acuña, Mexico; Monterrey, Mexico; Liberia (Africa); and Honduras.

This pie chart shows our expenses for 2017, with \$50,361, or 92% of total expenses, going directly to Programs related to the Carts. The remaining 8%, or \$4,580, covered our Newsletter, Other Marketing, and Administrative expenses.

Our total income for 2017 was \$49,711. Our total expenses were \$54,941, or \$5,240 over income. Our goal for 2018 is to make up this financial shortfall and to build 200 Carts.

THE COST OF BUILDING A MOBILITY CART HAS DECREASED!

You heard it right! While the overall cost of raw materials for constructing the Mobility Carts increases with the number of Carts produced and shipped, our overhead, administrative costs remain relatively constant (rent, insurance, utilities, etc.). Therefore, while it previously cost \$350 to build one Cart, the numbers for 2017 show an encouraging trend. With \$54,941 in expenses to build 176 Carts, that calculates to just \$312 per Cart! And with a goal of building 200 Carts in 2018, the cost per Cart should decrease even more. In other words, your donations will touch the lives of even more disabled people!

We have new email and website addresses!



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Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio
DONATION SLIP

Yes! I want to partner with Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio to sponsor the building of Mobility Cart specialty wheelchairs.

\$ _____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$300 each

\$ _____ toward production of a Cart

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My gift is _____ in honor of / _____ in memory of _____

Please send an acknowledgement in my/our name (withhold disclosing the amount of our gift) to:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

State/ZIP _____

Make checks payable and mail to:
Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio
P.O. Box 701172, San Antonio, TX 78270

ADVOCATES IN THE COMMUNITY

Mobility Worldwide Highlighted In World Missions Exhibit



The 114th meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas met in San Marcos, TX on February 22-24. Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio was very pleased to be included in the exhibit hosted by their World Missions. Other mission groups were also represented but Mobility Worldwide had a prominent presence in the display. We extend our thanks to Ms. Ferol Senter of the Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal in San Antonio, and other Mission Committee members, Marthe Curry and Kaitlin Rogers, for including us. According to Ms. Senter, there was much interest expressed in the Mobility Cart and its place in worldwide missions. There were between 900 and 1,000 people in attendance at the Council meeting. We appreciate this exposure.

A MUCH-NEEDED NEW WELDING MACHINE

After years of using a "hobby" or "home" welding machine, and paying for frequent repairs due to the great demand we place on welding the steel parts of a Mobility Cart, we now have a brand-new Miller "Millermatic 252" industrial welding machine. The need for this quality machine was mentioned at our January Celebration Banquet, and within days several people had stepped up to make this purchase possible. That's our welder, Roger Galloway, under the hood in this photo. Special thanks to Gail Srubar, Rev. Jim Sweet, John Nelson, Bill Myers, Bob & Ferol Senter, and "Anonymous" for this wonderful gift!



GENEROUS DONORS FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2018

Thank You For Giving "The Gift Of Mobility"

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Don & Maria Whipple
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Gail Srubar



CONTACT INFORMATION

For volunteer opportunities or to request a presentation to your group, please contact Tom Martin, President of Mobility Worldwide TX - San Antonio, at (210)496-4784, or send him an email to mwsanantonio@gmail.com.

For more information about us, please visit our website: mwsanantonio.org. You can visit the international office of Mobility Worldwide at mobilityworldwide.org.

If you have a change of address, would like to switch to receive the newsletter by email, or if you no longer wish to receive the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio quarterly newsletter, please send your request to mwsanantonio@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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