

"It is not right that human beings crawl on the ground all of their lives...." Mel West, Founder, Mobility Worldwide.

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Khaki: The Boy Who Couldn't Walk

"I would carry him everywhere" -- Khaki's mother.



Khaki was an average boy, but at the age of four something changed. He could no longer walk or stand on his feet. Khaki, a young boy in Pignon, Haiti, not only couldn't walk, he could not bend his legs to use the bathroom. From that time on, his mother carried him on her back everywhere he needed to go. As Khaki kept growing, it became harder for his mother to carry him. But, a mission team was distributing food in Khaki's rural community and encountered Khaki.

Through their partnership with Mobility Worldwide in Leighton, IA, arrangements were made for Khaki, now age 9, to receive a Mobility Cart at no cost. Through "Many Hands for Haiti," or MH4H, Lucia Van Maanen, a seasoned mission team member from Iowa, flew a Mobility Cart into Haiti and delivered it to Khaki. With this cart, he can now take himself wherever he needs to go. And since his mother doesn't have to carry Khaki anymore, she has more time to work and meet the family financial needs.

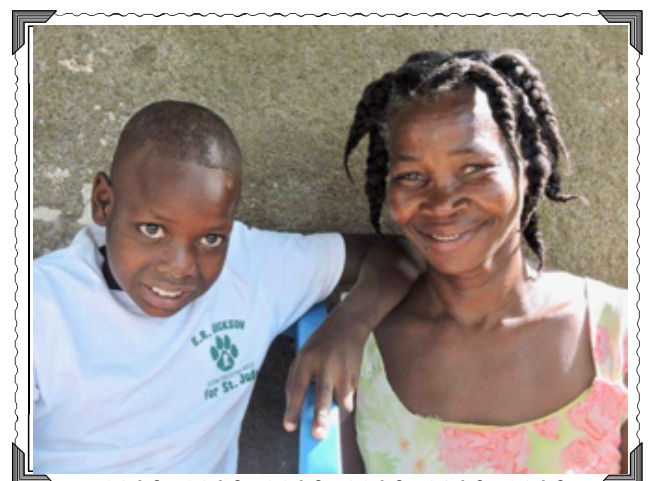


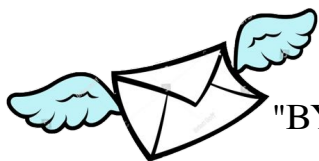
Thanks to Mobility Worldwide IA-Leighton, Mobility Worldwide, and Many Hands for Haiti for this story. To view this 2-minute video about Khaki, please copy and paste the following in your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10Br13rxcL8&t=21s>

From hardship to hope

Just look at Khaki's and Mom's faces in the photo above as they share their story about the difficulties of living with a disability in Haiti. And now look at the photo to the right as they express their appreciation and thanks for this vital "Gift of Mobility" presented to Khaki!





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A GRATEFUL, INSPIRING MESSAGE

"We are brothers that no wall can divide"

The following Facebook post was made by Ninfa Garcia Copado, Director of DIF (like Social Services in the US) in Acuña, Mexico:

"El fin de semana viaje a la ciudad de San Antonio, Texas para recibir el donativo de 50 carritos PET por parte de Mobility Worldwide Texas. En representacion de nuestro alcalde el Ing. Roberto De Los Santos Vasquez y la presidenta del DIF Acuña Sra. Martha Cisneros Rodriguez les entregamos un reconocimiento por la gran labor y se enorme corazon para apoyar en esta noble causa. Esto es una prueba de que no solo somos vecinos, somos hermanos que ningun muro lograra dividir."

TRANSLATION: "The weekend trip to the city of San Antonio, Texas to receive the donation of 50 Carts by Mobility Worldwide Texas. On behalf of our mayor, the Ing. Roberto De Los Santos Vazquez and the president of DIF Acuña, Mrs. Martha Cisneros Rodriguez, we give you a recognition for the great work and your enormous heart to support this noble cause. This is proof that we are not just neighbors, we are brothers that no wall can divide."

FACTS FROM MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

Since 1994:

- Over 70,000 Mobility Carts built
- 28 Affiliate workshops
(San Antonio added in 2004)
- Distributed in 104 countries
- Over 60 distribution partners
- Several hundred volunteers

HONORING SOMEONE SPECIAL

YOUR name goes into another country

How would you like to not only sponsor the building of a Mobility Cart but to have your name or someone you wish to honor go to changing the life of a disabled person living in a developing country? We announced in a recent issue of our newsletter the cost of



producing one Mobility Cart is \$300. Now we are offering to add an etched metal plate (the size of a business card), with the name of your choosing, to the Cart. The plate will say, "In honor of ..."

and the name you choose. You may not only sponsor the building of a Cart but for a donation of \$400 we will add a plate to "your" Cart, documenting the



serial number so we can track it to the country it was sent. All we ask is that you submit your name and contact information with your donation and the name of your honoree (self or other). In return we will send you a receipt and a photo of the plate on your Cart.

DEFINITION OF "IRONY"

From Mexico to the US and back to Mexico

We purchase the steel with which to fabricate the bottom supporting frame of the Mobility Cart from a local metal distributor. Most of our completed Carts are taken across the border into Mexico, but you can imagine our surprise when we noticed that the steel we are buying is "Made in Mexico!" We caught the humor (irony), in that we are purchasing steel made in Mexico that was exported to the US, turning it into the frame for our Mobility Cart, and then shipping it right back to Mexico!



WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT . . .

The many hats of Mac McCain



Mac McCain has been a vital volunteer with Mobility Worldwide almost as far back as the beginning of the TX-San Antonio Affiliate in 2004. As a member of the Lions Club, Mac saw his first Mobility Cart at a Lions Convention in Kerrville, TX in 2005. He then saw a

Mobility Cart being used in Mexico that had the rubber worn off the tires from long use. He decided to get involved by bringing that Cart back to San Antonio and exchanging it for a new one.



Mac was already going into Mexico on a regular basis representing the Lions Club and helping set up eye glass clinics to bring better vision to the needy. He was aware of the plight of the disabled there so he then began taking Mobility Carts with him in

addition to the eyeglasses and optical screening equipment. He took the Carts in the back of his pickup truck but soon the Carts were in such high demand that he started taking them in his trailer.



Mac has helped Mobility Worldwide Affiliates of San Antonio, Austin, Brazos Valley, and Rio Grande Valley, TX; Columbia, MO; Michigan; and Spokane, WA get Carts across the border to Mexico for distribution. Some of the cities in Mexico whose disabled citizens received the gifts of these Carts include Sabinas, Naba, Monclova, Acuña, Allende, Piedras Negras, Matamoros, Mexico City, Monterrey, and Reynosa.

The Lions Club motto is, "We serve," and that slogan seems to describe all facets of Mac's life. From serving in the U.S. Navy for 25 years and achieving the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, to earning two Bachelor of Science Degrees, working as an electrical foreman and industrial electrician, teaching at the Del Rio High School, and setting up multiple eyeglass clinics in Mexico, Mac has helped the Lions Club and community by serving the Lions' District 2A2 Eyeglass Recycling Program for the past 15 years.



Mac currently is president of the Brackettville, TX Lions Club and associate member of the Del Rio Host Lions Club. He and his fellow Lions support many charities and organizations in the Del Rio area, including assisting nurses at a local hospital and optometrists who provide services to people who otherwise would not be able to afford and receive critical care. Mac has received special recognitions over the years, including being the Club Director twice, named "Lion of the Year" twice, and in 2015 the prestigious Herb C. Petry, Jr. Hall of Fame award.



Since we started keeping records, Mac has been responsible for transporting or arranging for 383 of our Mobility Carts to cross the border into various cities in Mexico.

Mac's own records document his having taken some 1,128 Carts to or across the border to improve the lives of the citizens there.



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!

A Donor Receipt will be sent for all donations. Mobility Worldwide TX - San Antonio is a faith-based, 501(c)(3), tax-deductible, all-volunteer organization.

We are also able to receive your donation on our webpage at mwsanantonio.org.

PRODUCTION & DONATION REPORT

How are we doing with your donation dollars?

Please see our production and financial report below so you will know how we're doing compared with our budget for the year.

**PRODUCTION GOAL -
JANUARY - JUNE 2018
102 CARTS**



**ACTUAL CARTS
BUILT: 88**

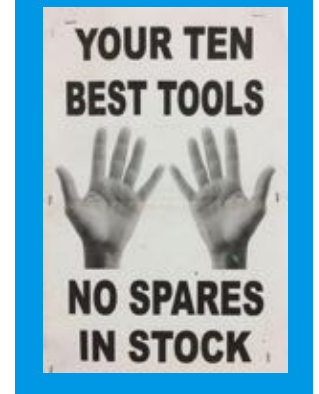
**DONATION GOAL -
JANUARY - JUNE 2018
\$30,000**



**ACTUAL DONATIONS:
\$25,896**

SAFETY IN THE SHOP

That's our Number-1 table saw operator Jodie, cutting boards to size for building the wooden box portion of the Mobility Cart. Note the protective devices for vision, hearing, breathing, and lifting. To the right is a "Finger Saver" device for pushing small pieces of wood through the saw blade. For those looking closely at the "Finger Saver," please know that is red paint on it, not what you might think!



GENEROUS DONORS FOR APRIL - JUNE

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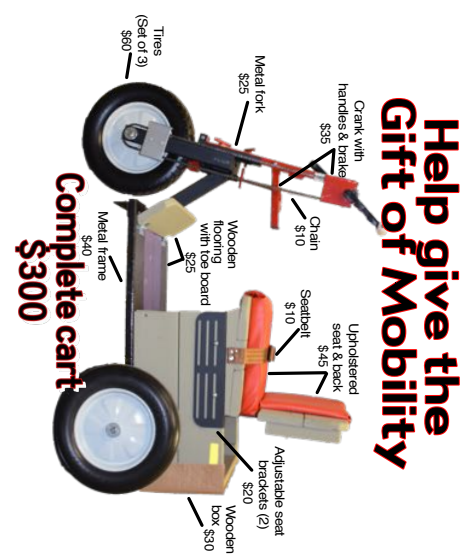
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My gift is _____ in honor of / _____ in memory of _____

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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
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\$_____ toward production of a Cart



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