



**Mobility
Worldwide®**

TX – San Antonio

*"It's not right that human beings crawl on the ground
all their lives." -- Rev. Mel West, Founder,
Mobility Worldwide*



March 2019

Back to School, Thanks to You!



In Chitimbe Village, Malawi (Africa) sits a 22-year old young lady waiting for a miracle. She is physically challenged and had been carried to school in the arms of a family member every day. The inability to walk meant she could not get to school on her own. Her mother had four other children to care for and could not carry her back and forth each day. So, she ended her schooling at grade 5.

Her name is Aisha, and seven years ago she fell ill for a long period of time. Her legs grew weak and she stopped walking. They believe the cause was malaria.

Aisha's village is close to Lake Chilwa (the second largest lake in Malawi), and social workers stated there is much malaria in the area due to the many mosquitos that breed in the dirty water. Most of the poor residents are unable to take their children for medical treatment, and malaria is still very prevalent in this region. And very serious!



Many have died from malaria in this area and many others have been left disabled.

Volunteers from Mobility Worldwide in DeMotte, Indiana, were on a mission trip to Malawi and they had heard about Aisha. While searching for her, they passed other children on the dirt road playing sporting games. However, the girl they were looking for could not get out and play with the other children.

Then they spotted Aisha, patiently sitting under a tree nearby. She was one of twenty that day to receive a Mobility Cart.

The bottom photo tells the story. Here's Aisha, reunited with her friends and classmates, eager to return to school and continue her education. All made possible thanks to those who care enough to make a \$300-investment in the life of someone eager to improve her life and conditions.

Thanks to Wilson Tembo and Mobility Worldwide in DeMotte Indiana for this story and photos.

REMEMBERING . . . JOHN PARLATO

John Parlato, one of the founding members of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio, died on March 30, 2019. John was a member of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Men. He grew up in Hamburg, NY and joined the US Navy at age 18, where he served our country for 20 years. John built Mobility Carts, helped maintain inventory, prepared projects for new volunteers coming to the workshop, and served as a member of the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio Board of Directors. We offer our sincere condolences to John's wife, JoAnne, and their family.



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MOBILITY WORLDWIDE ON DISPLAY

Once again this year, we owe Ms. Ferol Senter and the Foreign & Domestic Missions Committee of the Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal, in San Antonio, a great thank-you. Because of Ms. Senter's understanding of and belief in our mission to provide the "Gift of Mobility" to disabled people living in developing countries with our Mobility Carts, she coordinated our exhibition at the 2019 Diocesan Council held in McAllen, TX, February 21-23. Our display was part of the World Mission Department of the Diocese's exhibit, and was one of over 60 exhibits and over 25 standing booths. We very much appreciate having this exposure at such a conference!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Each year, we recognize our regular volunteers who have reached certain milestones with the number of their work hours building Mobility Carts. At our 2018 Annual Banquet held at the Golden Wok on January 26, 2019, president Tom Martin (pictured left) presented awards to the following volunteers:



Bob Mielke: 100 Hours
EW Stafford: 500 Hours
Keith Venable: 500 Hours
Walt Mischenko: 1,000 Hours
Bill Myers: 1,500 Hours
Roger Galloway: 2,000 Hours

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Contact Us to Lead a Program at Your Next Meeting



If you are looking for an interesting and informative program for the next meeting of your church group, business, or community organization, please consider inviting Mobility Worldwide to make a presentation. We can tailor the length of the program to meet your needs and the setting. We can show videos of the production of our Mobility Carts and the recipients in developing countries getting on their Cart for the first time and no longer have to crawl in the dirt.



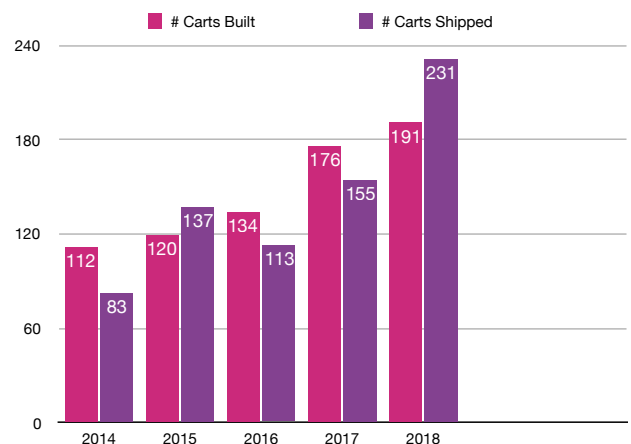
We will also bring a Mobility Cart for all to examine and ride. That's Tom Martin, our president, in the top photo, wearing a red shirt, talking to the Men's Breakfast Group at the Del Webb Hill Country Retreat on January 4. Please contact Tom Martin at (210)496-4784 to reserve a date.

PRODUCTION & SHIPPING, YR 2018

The Production & Shipping numbers are in for the Year 2018. We are pleased to share this information with you to show how we are utilizing volunteer time building Mobility Carts and donations for the purchase of materials and other costs. Please note the chart below that shows Cart production (pink) up 70% over 2014, and shipping (purple) up 178% over that same time period!

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE
TX-SAN ANTONIO

Production & Shipping
2014 - 2018



COME VOLUNTEER AT MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

We've Increased Our Workdays So More Can Volunteer!

Good news! As you may know, most of our regular volunteers at the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio workshop are retired "senior citizens" --- some more "senior" than others! That's why, up until recently, we worked during the day, Monday -- Friday. But due to a request from several groups of occasional-volunteers, we have extended the days the workshop is open. Upon request, we are now open one Saturday a month. And what a difference that has made! We have really enjoyed meeting new people who are interested in building our specialty wheelchairs and helping them gain skills to become productive in the workshop. See the following stories. If your group of 6-8 would like to volunteer to build Mobility Carts, please contact our president, Tom Martin, at (210)496-4784.

WELLMED

Volunteers from WellMed (Medical Management) came out to the shop to help us build Mobility Carts on January 26. As you can see, they were cutting, drilling, and painting to prepare all the parts for assembling another Cart. Thank you: Debra, Marissa, Dolores, Liliana, Alfonso, and Blanca in giving a disabled person the "Gift of Mobility."



RACKSPACE *The Rack is Back!*



Volunteers from Rackspace (Managed Cloud Business Solutions) were in our shop on February 11 and again March 29 building Mobility Carts. We thank the following Rackspace

employees for giving their time to the building of these specialty wheelchairs: Allie, Michelle, Anthony, Jason, Pumeet, Chris, John, Amil, Spencer, Kent, Tony, and Jason.



USAA

*We Know What it Means
to Serve*



Mobility Worldwide also wishes to thank the volunteers from USAA who worked on February 23: Keegan, Ana, Randy, Becky, Braden, Madison, David, Julie, Amy, and Micah.



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.

RECOGNIZING MORE VOLUNTEERS . . .

LIONS CLUB

"We Serve"



The Windcrest Lions have come to work at the Mobility Worldwide shop several times, the most recent being on February 9. Not only do their regular volunteers perform valuable service in building Carts, they bring a group of "Leos" with them. Leos are students from Roosevelt High School who are interested in being active in community service, and the Windcrest Lions



provide that opportunity and mentorship. Thank you, Windcrest Lions and Roosevelt Leos: Nan, Tim, Kyra, Karisa, Maria, Bob, Linda-Kaye, Tim, Amy, Addison, and Kelly.

UIW FEIK SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Volunteers from the University of the Incarnate Word, Feik School of Pharmacy, also worked in the workshop on March 30. These are students working toward their Doctorate of Pharmacology degree, a four-year program after having completed a two-year Pre-Pharmacy course of studies. And still they take time to become involved with activities in the community to help others! Many thanks to UIW volunteers: Olivia, Alexandra, and Theresa.

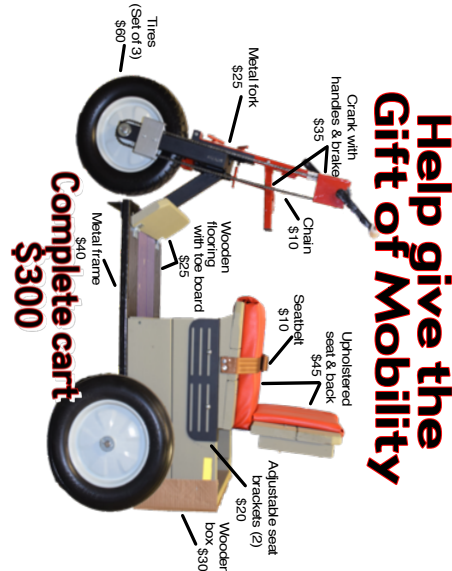


MOBILITY WORLDWIDE 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We're turning 25! That's right -- Mobility Worldwide began making Mobility Carts in 1994, while the San Antonio, TX affiliate workshop opened in 2004. Since starting in 1994, Mobility Worldwide and its current 29 affiliate workshops have produced 76,000 specialty wheelchairs, shipped them to 106 countries, and worked with 70 distribution partners to get the Carts to the disabled people living in developing countries who most need them.

The 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Austin, TX this year at Bethany United Methodist Church and will be hosted by the three Texas affiliates, Austin, Brazos Valley, and San Antonio. The dates are September 26-28. There will be an Innovator's Workshop and several Informational Sessions, topped off with an Anniversary Dinner Celebration.

All are welcome! Please watch our future newsletters for more details.



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

\$_____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$400 each, which includes a personalized metal plate on the Cart

\$_____ toward production of a Cart

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

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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:

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