



**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*



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THE WORLD IN MOTION

When we think about a Mobility Cart traveling halfway around the world and ending up in a country we sometimes have never heard of, with a disabled person sitting on it and opening up his life as never before, we are awed by the many "coincidences" that have to take place for this to happen. Why that country? Why that village? Why that child and not the father? There must be something in the hearts of our Distribution Partners who see the need and potential in that specific person that causes them to respond, "Her!" Or "Him!"

We love receiving photos, videos, and stories about recipients of our Mobility Carts. Just knowing the person has a name, lives in a specific village, and performs certain activities to earn a living -- or eek out an existence, makes us feel "connected" to that individual.

And we love sharing these short stories with you, the people who make this all possible, our supporters and donors. We hope you will enjoy reading these snippets of the lives of people you will never meet but those with whom you have made a limitless investment, giving them the opportunity to become the person they want to be and to do the things they want to do. Each one of these sends his thanks for your caring -- and we thank you too!



MALAWI

This is Florence Sinthani who lives in Salima, Malawi. She's a 15-year old girl and a primary student at a nearby school. Previously she had to crawl through the deep sand in the dry season and mud in the rainy season. Seeing her so happy, Florence's father told everyone the two men who delivered the Cart had just changed the life of his daughter. Further, he said, "This device will help Florence, and it gives great relief to her

family. It is a stepping-stone to the achievement of her dreams. Life has changed! An impact has been made!"

Child-Size Cart



HAITI

Meet Claudineau. In 2017 he received a Child's Mobility Cart through MH4H (Many Hands For Haiti). His mother knew he was ready for his Cart to be "upsized" to an Adult Cart. What an incredible resource for Claudineau to have indepen-

dence he would not otherwise experience. You can see the strength he has developed in his arms from powering his first Cart for nearly four years.



Adult Cart

MEXICO

Thanks to new Distribution Partners joining the mission of mobility for disabled people, Mobility Worldwide shipped 197 Mobility Carts for distribution in indigenous Mexico. In the words of Tami Beller Gaddis, Project Director of Aztec Ministry, the Carts arrived safely and were unloaded the same day. The team immediately then loaded an empty 15-passenger van full of Carts and made it to our brigade site for the next day's distribution.



"CARRITOS" TO MEXICO

We are happy to report that 18 of our Carts ("Carritos" in Spanish) were transferred from a storage unit in Del Rio, TX on March 1 and loaded on a trailer sent from across the Mexico-US border. Thanks to the Del Rio Host Lions Club, our Mobility Carts have been safely waiting for our Distribution Partner in Mexico to express a need for additional Carts. Sra Ninfa Garcia Copado, Director of DIF in Acuña, state of Coahuila, contacted Mobility Worldwide and requested additional Carts.

DIF, Development of Integral Families, (the equivalent of US social services, adoption agencies, services for the disabled, and nursing homes) is a governmental program set up in each major city in Mexico. We have had much success in the past several years working with DIF Acuña, as they have worked through the previous problems met at the border with our Carritos not being approved, causing us to have to return to the US.

We wish to express our thanks to Sra Garcia Copado for requesting the Carts and making arrangements for a DIF employee to drive to Del Rio and pick them up. And thank you to the Del Rio Host Lions Club for storing our Carts and assisting with the loading of the DIF trailer. Pictured below L-R are Lion Johnny Watson and Lion Manny Carrillo; Ken McGinnis from Mobility Worldwide San Antonio; and Luis from DIF Acuña.



¡GRACIAS! ACUÑA!

Several days following the transfer of Carritos to DIF Acuña, Sra Garcia Copado was in San Antonio visiting family during Spring Break. She contacted Rob Remig of Mobility Worldwide, stating she had a gift for Mobility Worldwide to express her thanks and that of the disabled citizens of Acuña. Sra Garcia Copado and Rob met in a restaurant parking lot and Rob received a beautiful basket filled with Mexican conchas, cookies, candies, breads, and pecan rolls. We like giving our Carritos to DIF Acuña because our Distribution Partners and the Cart recipients are always so appreciative with the increased mobility and independence they provide.

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To further show her knowledge of and interest in the disabled people in Acuña, Sra Garcia Copado asked if we would be able to provide them with a few Child-Size Carritos and a few for people who did not have the upper body strength to use a regular Cart. We will attempt to fulfill all of these requests the next time we ship Carts to Acuña.

Following is a photo of Sra Garcia Copado presenting the basket of goodies to Rob, who will now take the basket to the Mobility Workshop to share with the other volunteers.



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, EPISCOPAL

For the past several years, Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio has been blessed to be a "charity of choice" of the Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal on Walzem Road. Ms. Ferol Senter is the church's Chairperson for Foreign and Domestic Missions, and she and her committee have included us in their annual Alternative Gift Fair around Christmas time. In the past, congregational members were able to see our Mobility Cart in the church narthex and view pictures of some of the Cart recipients living in developing countries. COVID-19 put a strain on church attendance, yet the Gift Fair was very successful. The Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal supports other charitable groups and functions, so we have always been extremely pleased with their generosity in raising money with which to build Mobility Carts. Thanks to the church's generous giving spirit, we received enough contributions to



build two additional Carts and ship them to disabled people living in developing countries. Thank you!

FIELD TESTING A NEW CART

The Mobility Worldwide Research and Development Committee continues its work on testing the suitability of a molded resin Cart. It utilizes the same metal underbody frame as our standard Cart, while the front-end cranking and steering mechanism is interchangeable. It has been tested in the laboratory for hundreds of hours on a treadmill to discover potential ways to improve it before sending it out for field testing.



This man is named Bakar, who contracted polio at a young age. He was later involved in a car accident which added to his disability. Bakar lives in Kaliapapo Village in the country of Kenya. In order to support his family, he farms a woody root called "cassava" which is an essential ingredient in the local cuisine. You can imagine how this Mobility Cart improved Bakar's working in the fields and getting his product to the market for sale.

The testing of the performance and endurance of the resin Cart compared with the standard wood Cart will continue to determine how well it holds up in each of the different environments where it is sent.

THE DEFINITION OF "INGENUITY"

On February 13, 2020, two trailers pulled by pickup trucks left the Mobility Worldwide shop in San Antonio and headed to the border city of Laredo, TX. Ana Gabriela Botello de Hayes, along with her husband Randy Hayes, requested this shipment of Mobility Carts and coordinated with all the stops along the way for them to arrive safely in her hometown of Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico.

To our knowledge Mobility Carts have never been sent to the area of Fresnillo before but it didn't take long for the disabled residents to adapt themselves, their limitations, and their potential to having this Cart as part of expanding their lives into that of "Street Vendor." These are two examples of entrepreneurship where the recipients converted



the Cart from a transportation device to a mobile snack vending business by extending the back of the Cart. We commend the "business owners" and those who support their work ethic. We thank Sra Lupita Perez, president of DIF Fresnillo for her encouragement and "commitment to provide comprehensive care to people with disabilities."



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)596-4584, 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.

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Thank you for your support!

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We realize 0.5% is not a large sum, however out of a donation we received from Smile, \$92.24 was from one "diligent Smile family supporter." We hope you will sign up!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

At the end of every year, our volunteers' work hours are tallied and recognition is given for those who have reached specific numbers of hours during their time with us. For example, the top, right photo shows Ken McGinnis receiving his 100-Hour Certificate. Truth is, Ken has been a volunteer for 14 years. However most of his time and talents have been invested in marketing and fundraising, serving on the Board of Directors, and strategic planning for the organization rather than on actual Cart production.



Ken McGinnis (R) with President Tom Martin.



Next to be recognized was Al Davenport. Sorry, there is no photo available for Al. But the recognition is just as strong! Al's award is for 1,500 volunteer hours, and is named the "Frazier Award," for Dave Frazier, an original volunteer and pioneer in building Carts. Pictured with Al's award is Tom Martin (R), president of Mobility Worldwide. With Tom is Sandra Mushen, Dave Frazier's best friend and constant companion over the last few years of his life.



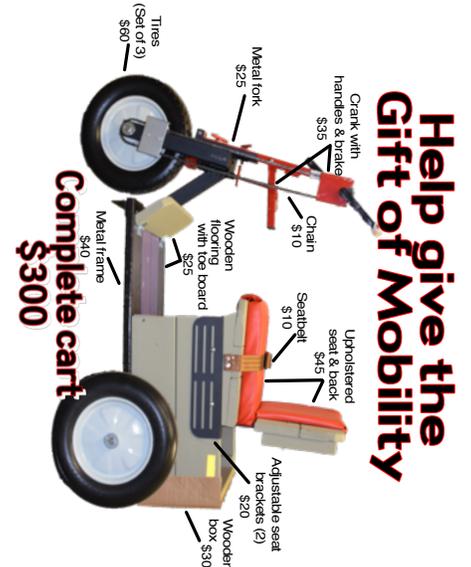
Richard Baldwin also was honored with the 1,500-Hour, "Frazier Award" and is shown here receiving the award from Sandra Mushen.



Bill Myers received a small metal tag engrave with "2,000 Hours" to signify his achievement of donating that many hours to the production of Mobility Carts. That represents 8 years of devotion to this project.



Roger Galloway has been a volunteer since November 2014 and has achieved the level of 3,000 Hours. He received a metal tag engraved with "3,000 Hours." Roger is our chief welder and is responsible for having welded bottom frames for 950 Mobility Carts in 6 1/2 years!



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

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