



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*

April-June, 2021

## PRECIOUS CARGO IN SIERRA LEONE

*(Our thanks to Mobility Worldwide International  
for the details in the following story)*



Sierra Leone is a coastal country on the Continent of Africa. Over the past

10 years, hundreds of Mobility Carts from Mobility Worldwide have been sent to disabled people in that country. Developers in Sierra Leone recently determined they could manufacture their own Carts, and a management team from Mobility Worldwide flew there to work out the details. Now that Sierra Leoneans have their own shop, shipping costs from out of country will be minimal except for unique supplies not available in-country. In fact, because of different tariff and tax structure, Sierra Leone can import the same solid rubber tires from China we use at half the cost we pay.

Manufacturing their own Mobility Carts also provides the opportunity for Mobility Worldwide Sierra Leone to employ their own countrymen. This now allows them to earn a wage building more specialty wheelchairs for their disabled citizens.

Even though their Carts are now being built in-country, the logistics for getting the finished Carts to the people who need them remains quite a challenge. For example, the Mobility Cart seen in the photo, top right, will be delivered to the recipient by boat along the seacoast. The Cart is

headed to the city of Gbap, a small rural fishing town. It will require a 15-hour trip, using boat and truck transportation.

Two other volunteers used motorcycles (see photo below) and rented boats to haul a Mobility Cart to Shabro Island to a young woman named Moyo. She was born with a birth defect and has never stood upright, having to scoot along the dirt paths.



Now that Moya has her new mode of transportation, imagine how her life has changed. And she is able to carry her young son in the back of her Mobility Cart everywhere she goes!



## SNEAK PEEK!

### Del Webb Hill Country Retreat Arts & Crafts Festival

The organizers of the Del Webb Hill Country Arts & Crafts Festival have announced the Arts & Crafts Festival will be up and running again this October. The Festival dates are October 15, 16, and 17, with Friday the 15th evening time of 6pm-8pm being open only to residents of the Del Webb Hill Country Retreat community. With the Festival having been closed last year due to COVID restrictions, the organizers are saying that with some common-sense distancing things should be operating close to normal.

Friday, October 15; 6pm-8pm; Open only to Del Webb residents

Saturday, October 16; 10am-4pm

Sunday, October 17; 11am-3pm

4550 Del Webb Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78253



This Arts & Crafts Festival showcases the work of artisans from the greater San Antonio area. Only handcrafted items are accepted and offered for sale.

Free admission. Free parking. Raffle of handcrafted items. Lunch available for purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio is pleased to have been selected again to be the local charity benefitting from the Raffle and to have the opportunity for the fundraiser of lunch sales.

Mark your calendar now and look for more details in our September 2021 Newsletter. Please follow [Festivalnet.com](http://Festivalnet.com) for further information.

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## VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Some of our volunteers are "Regulars" and have been logging in work hours since we began making Mobility Carts in 2004. Some belong to the same church or civic organization and come to help out every few months. Some call it "Team Building," while others come to volunteer just because they catch the vision of picking someone up from the ground and giving him or her the means to improve the quality of their life. June 10 and 11

was not the first time volunteers from Temple Beth-El, San Antonio came out to help us build Mobility Carts. The Social Activity Group at Beth-El is very active in the community, giving of their time and talents to places like the Food Bank, Primate Center, Pets Alive, the Cancer Center, and the Children's Center.



Under the instruction and watchful eye of Tom Martin (above, red cap) president of Mobility Worldwide San Antonio, volunteers are provided the confidence to operate some of our WWII-vintage machinery.

Temple Beth-El, Social Activity Group, we thank you for investing yourselves in the lives of others so that they might be more productive and fulfill their dreams. If others from Temple Beth-El are interested in forming more groups to volunteer building Mobility Carts, please contact Mr. Ross Halfant at Beth-El.

For further information about volunteering at Mobility Worldwide or for scheduling a visit, please contact President Tom Martin at (210)596-4584.

## STUDENTS LEARN WHILE HELPING

Two students completed a year of training in the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio workshop on May 18, 2021 and were recognized in a ceremony to thank them for their valuable contributions to the organization. Dravyn Horwath and Ethan Sandoval, students at Robert G. Cole (Ft. Sam Houston) High School Military Co-Op's "Community Based Vocational Instruction," have been assisted in identifying interests,



strengths, preferences, and skills related to career development. Thanks to Tom Martin, President of Mobility Worldwide, instructor and mentor (pictured center), these young men have been assisting us in the manufacturing of hand-cranked wheelchairs that will be shipped to disabled people living in developing countries around the world. Thank you and best wishes, Dravyn and Ethan!

### ... ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

In order to provide a durable and long-lasting paint finish on the metal frames, our Mobility Carts they go through an electrostatic and dry powder process called powder coating.



For the past several years, we have had them powder coated at PJ Farm & Ranch Services, 11585 Galm Road in San Antonio.

Our contacts there

noted our frames were fashioned from angle iron, the same as several pieces they had in a scrap pile. They asked if we could use the "scrap," to which Roger ("The Welder") Galloway replied, "Sure!" From those 50 pieces of scrap iron, Roger was able to weld several shorter pieces together and use them to make frames for 41 of our Mobility Carts. This represents 41 lives improved by the "Gift of Mobility." Thank you, PJ's!



## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

LORI GANCI has been with Mobility Worldwide since 2018 as our Treasurer. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Eastern Illinois University and has been the Director of Payroll for Northside ISD for 5 years. Previously Lori was



### 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](mailto:mwsanantonio@gmail.com).

For more information about us, please visit our website: [mwsanantonio.org](http://mwsanantonio.org). You can visit the international office of Mobility Worldwide at [mobilityworldwide.org](http://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](mailto:mwsanantonio@gmail.com).

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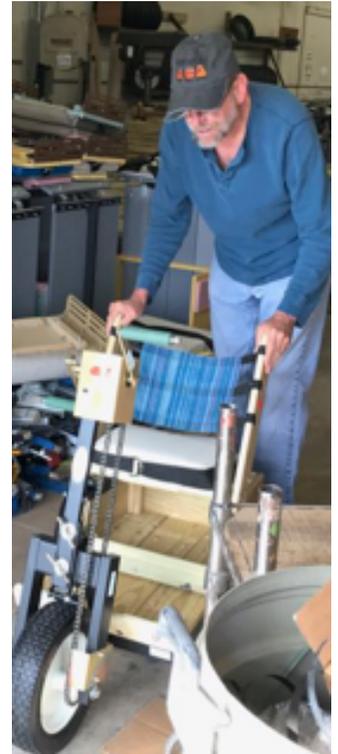
*We are also able to receive your donation on our webpage at [mwsanantonio.org](http://mwsanantonio.org).*

a comptroller at North East ISD for 9 years. She also worked as CFO for a non-profit agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities. For 9 years, Lori worked in hospital accounting. And she has served on the Church Finance Committee at Helotes Hills United Methodist Church since 2010.

JOANA BURGE joined the Board of Directors in January 2021 as Co-Secretary. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland and participated in a summer student grant program at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Joana was employed with Northside ISD in Math and Special Education for 6 years. She currently works for Jazzy J's Dance and Fitness and volunteers at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.



we had requested from our affiliate in Columbia, Missouri. All the pieces were in the box and they all fit together exactly. The overall feeling was that the volunteers who had made the Mobility Carts AND those who boxed them for shipping, had done so with particular pride in their work. It was like arriving home from IKEA and opening the disassembled furniture you just bought.

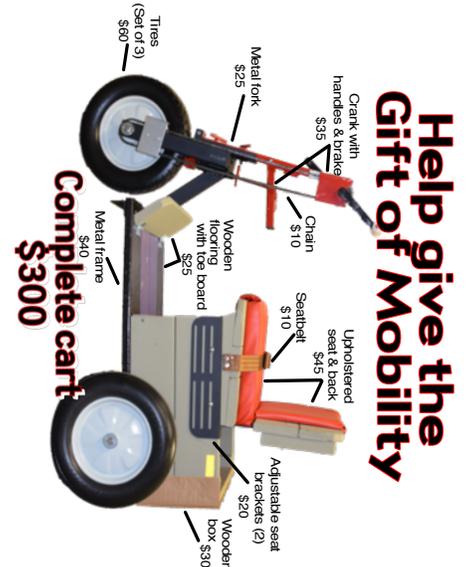


Thank you, Columbia, for the fine work you do and for sending these specialty Mobility Carts to us. They'll be on their way into Acuña, State of Coahuila, Mexico on June 30 and out on the road shortly after that.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION: MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MISSOURI - COLUMBIA

Have you ever purchased or been gifted an electronic device made by Apple/Mac? Remember the appearance and feel of that little box in your hands, and the excitement you felt as you opened what appeared to be a jewelry box? I mean, something of value! With that much attention and precision to the container, you just couldn't wait to see exactly what was inside.

Well, that's what we in San Antonio felt as we first opened the shipping boxes containing the 10 Child Carts and 7 Pull Carts



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

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