

MEASURING SUCCESS ...

A Message from Tom Martin, President of Mobility Worldwide TX- San Antonio



Every year about this time, I am asked by our Board of Directors, some of our volunteers, and a few of our financial supporters, "How did you do this year?" Translation: "Was Mobility Worldwide SUCCESSFUL in 2021?"

And that leads to another difficult question, "How do you measure SUCCESS?" That answer might not be as obvious as it seems. "By the number of Mobility Carts we built during the year." Right? Well, not exactly. We don't see ourselves being in the business of just building specialty wheelchairs. There's something more important here. We are actually giving a tool to disadvantaged people to help them reach THEIR goals. To be able to decide when and where they want to go. To not be dependent on others to provide transportation. To go to the town square. To get to church, to school or work and earn an income for their family. Of course we can't fully evaluate our success this year without mentioning COVID! We did add five "regular" volunteers to our workforce in 2021. Volunteer hours dipped from a yearly 2,671 in 2020 to 2,327 in 2021, mostly during the first half of 2021 due to COVID. And shipping decreased from 230 Carts in 2020 to 124 in the Year

2021. Much of our recent drop in shipping Mobility Carts has been due to the "Supply Chain," with 50 sets of our supply of wheels not being delivered to our shop. Those wheels are coming from China and have been sitting on a ship somewhere in the Pacific Ocean for several months. We recently learned the dock workers and truck drivers are in place to get our wheels to us in the next couple of weeks. And we have 21 Carts just waiting for wheels to be added and then shipped on to our Distribution Partners.

Another measure of success is "Volunteer Retention." I am pleased that our 14 "regular" volunteers from 2020 all returned in 2021 once the threat of COVID got somewhat under control. In spite of limitations placed on our being able to work while practicing social distancing, in 2021 we were able to oversee two local high school students in their learning work habits and skills in our shop in preparation for entering the job market. We also hosted a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who came out to volunteer. Also members of the Temple Beth-El volunteered in the shop. Volunteers from Jazzy J's Dance & Fitness came to work on two occasions, bringing much enthusiasm and energy to the building of Mobility Carts. And the Windcrest Lions Club was represented by five of their members, several of whom have previously worked in our shop.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the longevity and commitment of our nine members of the Board

of Directors. The number of years of service to Mobility Worldwide this body represents since 2004 is 96! That's a lot of experience with all aspects of production, shipping, fundraising, training, supervision and decision-making. To offset this "seasoned" group of Board Members, we have added four new members to the Board since 2018. And they bring with them a sense of enthusiasm and new ideas of how to improve what we do. I thank you, donors, volunteers, board members, and distribution partners for working together to make the Year 2021 SUCCESSFUL!

THANK YOU FIRST LADY & DIRECTOR

For the past year, we have had the pleasure of coordinating the shipment of our Mobility Carts to Mexico by way of Martha Alice Cisneros De Los Santos and Ninfa Garcia Copado. Martha has served as the President of DIF Acuña during the tenure of her husband as mayor of the city. And Ninfa has been the Director of DIF, our main contact person with whom we scheduled Cart deliveries. As these ladies move on to other important jobs, two Board members of Mobility Worldwide have been introduced to the new DIF staff in order to keep the Carts flowing between our two countries and cities.



Joe Srubar and Rob Remig traveled to Del Rio, TX on December 10, 2021 to deliver 20 Mobility Carts. They were greeted on the Texas side of the Border by Martha and Ninfa from Acuña and were presented with gifts of traditional Mexican cookies and

bread, and a clock made by an artisan in their city of Acuña, Mexico. A photo of that event is at the bottom of the previous column, from left to right, Rob, Martha, Ninfa and Joe.

The new representatives from Acuña also made the trip and emphasized they look forward to a steady supply of our Mobility Carts. The three DIF Acuña



representatives with whom we will now be coordinating the delivery of additional Carts are pictured here. On the left is Natalia De La Fuente, Personal Assistant to the President of DIF. In the middle is Yahaira Romero De Hoyos, DIF President (the Mayor's wife and First Lady of Acuña). And on the right is Amalia Guadalupe Hernandez, Director of DIF Acuña.

And the additional two photos are of residents of Acuña receiving two of the Mobility Carts we delivered to Del Rio, TX in December. Pictured with the gentleman and his Cart is DIF President Yahaira Romero De La Hoyos.



REMEMBERING MAC MC CAIN

Back before Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio was organized and fully producing Mobility Carts, there was Mac McCain. Before we had established our Distribution Partners in Mexico so we could be sure our Carts were being delivered to disabled people who truly needed them, there was Mac McCain. And before communication had been established with the Mexican Customs to allow Mobility Carts to be crossed into Mexico, there was Mac McCain paving the way.



Mac McCain left this world on March 14, 2022 but not before deeply establishing his name as synonymous with words such as servant, compassionate, having a heart for the disabled, and generous. Mac always found a way to get things done, and most often that meant by doing it himself. For many years, Mac would drive his trailer to San Antonio, help us load some 20 Mobility Carts, and drive back to the border to cross them into Mexico. That's an 8-hour roundtrip

drive, with his often arriving at our shop before we had our first cup of coffee! There will be only one "Mac McCain" and he will truly be missed

THE PASSING OF KEN LYNN

Kenneth Lynn went home to be with the Lord on December 24, 2020. In many ways it seems Ken is still with us, ready to volunteer at a moment's notice. Ken was a home woodworker and had lots of power and hand tools to use in his craft. He shared that expertise with Mobility Worldwide as a volunteer while he was here, and now many of his tools live on in our shop through donation by Ken and his wife Judy. Ken also remembered us in his will.



Ken obtained an Industrial Arts Degree from Southwest Texas State University and taught welding



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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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for 30 years at John Jay High School. He was a member of the Alzafar Shrine Hospital Corps Unit. Over the past 15 years, Ken served as Treasurer of the American Welding Society. And he was an active member of the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, where he was a board member and assisted in Sunday school classes and Vacation Bible School.

Ken will be missed by his family, church, and many community organizations for his loyal support and participation.

IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

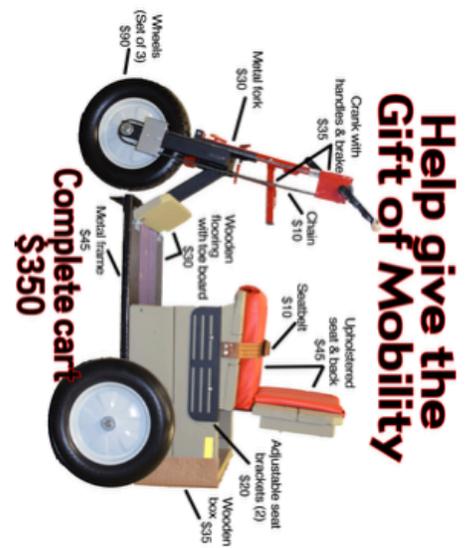
Faith Ministry is a non-profit Christian ministry in McAllen, Texas, helping to meet the needs of the least-served residents living in Reynosa, Mexico. Since the inception of this mission outreach group in 1994, they have been building houses and churches, and teaching skills such as sewing, carpentry and gardening. Faith Ministry has supported educational activities in Reynosa by purchasing school uniforms and books, and providing transportation.

One family well known to Faith Ministry is the Martinez family. Four of the 8 children born into the

Martinez family have physical and psychosocial disabilities. One sister is deceased and of the remaining sisters, Martha is 53 years old, Lupita is 50, and Monica is 44. Providing care for them is another sister and a sister-in-law. Standing with the Martinez family in the photo are volunteers from Faith Ministry.



We are pleased that Faith Ministry recognized the need for the three sisters to receive transportation aides to improve their mobility outside their humble dwelling. On February 18, a representative from Faith Ministry came to our Mobility Worldwide shop in San Antonio and picked up three Mobility Carts to take to Reynosa and present to Martha, Lupita, and Monica. We truly hope this will be a blessing to the entire family.



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\$_____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$350 each

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