



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



July - September 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



The Alamo Ranch Artists League will be hosting the 13th Annual Del Webb Hill Country Retreat Fall Arts and Crafts Festival. Dates and time are Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The reason this public event is so important to Mobility Worldwide Texas-San Antonio is because as a charitable organization, Mobility Worldwide has very few opportunities to perform work outside our workshop and earn money to meet our financial needs in building specialized wheelchairs. We, simply put, have to rely on potential donors, such as you, hearing the story about Mobility Worldwide and hoping you will have a vision to

help provide this "Gift of Mobility" to disabled people.



As the "Charity of Choice" for the Arts and Crafts Festival, we thank the Festival coordinators for selecting us to make and sell lunches and snacks, operate the Raffle, and host a crafts booth of our own for selling items of handcrafted wood.

Please know the arts and crafts pieces being sold by the vendors at this Festival have been jury-selected through a screening application and photograph process with an experienced committee. We believe you will enjoy the quality of the workmanship in all 60 booths.



A WAITING LIST OF 160!

Joe Srubar and Rob Remig of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio drove a pickup truck and trailer to Del Rio, TX on August 16. Our cargo was eight Adult Mobility Carts and 30-some bags of adult disposable diapers. The more we

learn about DIF in Mexico, the more we find out the magnitude of their areas of service. They are similar to services in the U.S., including aging and adult services, nursing homes,



child services, people with disabilities, and pregnancy. And we just learned during this trip DIF Acuña has a waiting list of 160 disabled people needing a wheelchair! And those are just the standard hospital wheelchairs, not the specialized off-road wheelchair we build.

We were met in Del Rio by DIF representatives Amalia Guadalupe Hernandez, DIF Director; Maricruz from DIF; and Katrina, translator. And in their hands, they were carrying two boxes of homemade Mexican breads, cookies, and candies! We were told these were special gifts from the “First Lady” of Acuña and President of DIF, Yahaira Romero de De Hoyos for the Board of Directors and volunteers in our workshop who make the “Carritos” and give them to the residents of their city. Needless to say, we’re looking forward to our next visit!



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP !

For those open to see them, we have had some very important lessons put in front of us lately — if only we are receptive and not too busy to see them.

Except for general location, you must understand once one of our Mobility Carts leaves the United States we have very little control over where it ends up and who it benefits. There are just so many people in the recipient countries involved in the selection and distribution process that we can only send each Cart with a prayer that it benefits someone and improves his life.

A situation came up recently in the Texas-San Antonio shop that has not gone unnoticed. A letter written in Spanish ended up in the hands of our new International Logistics Coordinator, Wayne Beare, in Dallas, Texas. The letter was from a man in the La Lima area of Honduras. Jose had apparently seen one of our Mobility Carts in the country and asked about it. According to the letter, he saw the Cart in use and thought it would meet his mother's needs in getting around. He obtained an address for Mobility Worldwide, and his letter found its way to Wayne

Beare. Mr. Beare had probably not yet heard that for the past several years the San Antonio Mobility Worldwide workshop has sent Carts to Honduras each year with the medical and construction mission team out of St. Lions, MO and Selma, TX.

It just so happened at the time Mr. Beare was wondering what to do with the letter requesting a Mobility Cart for a specific person in Honduras that the San Antonio Affiliate had just given our last eight Mobility Carts to Mexico. Due to the supply chain disruption around the world, our manufacturing shop was completely out of the specialized wheels we import from China.

The mission organization requesting Carts has been an excellent team to work with. But we were completely out of Carts due to our not having any wheels, so the first thought was to tell the group, AMIGA (A Mission in God's Amor), that we could simply not fulfill their request. And after calling the other two Mobility Worldwide Affiliate shops in Texas, we confirmed that no one we could find had any wheels or Carts to spare.

But then the thought occurred to us, “Why not call Wayne and ask if he has knowledge of Carts available in any of the other 20 shops around the country? After all, he's the Logistics Coordinator for Mobility Worldwide International; he'll know where EVERYTHING is!” And within two hours, Wayne was back in touch for us to call Kirby Goering with Mobility Worldwide in Moundridge, Kansas. And within four hours, Kirby had placed the shipping label on seven Mobility Carts. They were to be picked up the next day, travel by truck to San Antonio, and be delivered to our shop the day after they arrived in San Antonio. And they were!

So now everybody was getting excited! The mission group AMIGA requested five Mobility Carts to ship to Honduras to prepare for their mission trip and distribution of medical equipment. The shop in Kansas built the Carts but did not currently have a request for a shipment. The shop in San Antonio needed Carts to fulfill the request of AMIGA but couldn't find any. Our Logistics Coordinator had a letter asking for a Mobility Cart for a man's mother in Honduras but was unaware of AMIGA's pending trip to that country. And because no other shop in Texas could provide the Carts, Wayne was asked to help find Carts. And as it turned out, not only did he locate the Carts, he learned they were being shipped to Honduras, the exact place he was being asked to send one to answer the request of a resident for his disabled mother.

But Honduras isn't a small country. And telecommunications there probably aren't as modern as ours. How would AMIGA possibly find Jose to give him the Cart? Well, Sister Raquel in St. Louis (home quarters for AMIGA) was able to telephone a contact person in La Lima, Honduras to inquire about this man and his mother. And as it turns out, the person contacted, Señora Ingris, lives about five minutes from Jose!

It is our hope that when you receive the next Mobility Worldwide newsletter you will see a photo of Jose's mother riding on her Mobility Cart! What joy that would bring us all!

MORE ABOUT AMIGA

Now that the volunteers from AMIGA in Selma, TX have picked up their Mobility Carts, Mike Schramm of AMIGA informed us the next step toward getting the medical supplies and equipment to Honduras will be to load it on their shipping container on September 24. It will be driven from San Antonio to the Port of Houston for vessel embarkation. From there, the container will be loaded onto the MSC Celine on or about October 4. It goes to New Orleans overnight and then arrives in Puerto Cortez, Honduras some six days later.

When received in Honduras, the AMIGA shipping container stores some things in the city of El Progreso, which is near San Pedro Sula. The Mobility Carts get distributed in La Lima and El Progreso. Medicines and clinic supplies are trucked to the north central highlands.

The team of 18 people, mostly nurses and doctors, arrives on November 8-11 to set up and prepare for the medical clinics. Approximately 250 people are seen each clinic day. Basic physical exams are given, along with vitamins and other medicines. Some people have been known to walk for hours to be seen, and for some it is the first time they will have talked to a doctor. This is AMIGA's 40th brigade to Honduras to offer some basic medical care to the residents, and Mobility Worldwide hopes to continue this relationship of providing Mobility Carts for many more trips. Thank you, AMIGA, for all you do for the citizens of Honduras!

Pictured below, left are Mike Schramm from AMIGA (red shirt), and Roger Galloway from Mobility Worldwide, loading Mike's van with five boxed Mobility Carts. The photo on the right shows Linda Montez from Mobility Worldwide, leading a prayer for safety and a successful trip to Mike and all the AMIGA volunteers, as Walt Mischenko and Roger Galloway look on.



THE LIONS ROAR!

The Lions Clubs in the San Antonio and surrounding area have assisted Mobility Worldwide in many ways over the years. In fact, at least two of our founding members were Lions, providing that early leadership so necessary to get a non-profit organization like Mobility Worldwide started. The Lions' motto, "We Serve" is seen in how the individual Clubs donate financially to support this non-profit organization. Our president and vice president are both active Lions Club members. And now



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.

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.

more Lions members wanted to get together building Mobility Carts as an ongoing mission project.



So, with support from our members of the Board of Directors, we opened up our shop for volunteers to work on the second Saturday of each month. This allows those still employed to enjoy volunteering during the day when they would ordinarily be working at a job. If you are interested in joining the Lions on

the second Saturday of the month, or you would like to bring your own volunteer group out for a good cause, please contact Tom Martin at (210) 596-4584 to schedule this. As you will see from the pictures, some of the Lions chose to bring their children with them so as to share this experience with their family members.



The goal of the Big Give is to support our local nonprofits that are committed to making South Central Texas a great place to live, work, and play. Since 2014, over 262,000 donors have given over \$35 million dollars to our local nonprofits through the Big Give, making it one of the most successful giving days in the country.

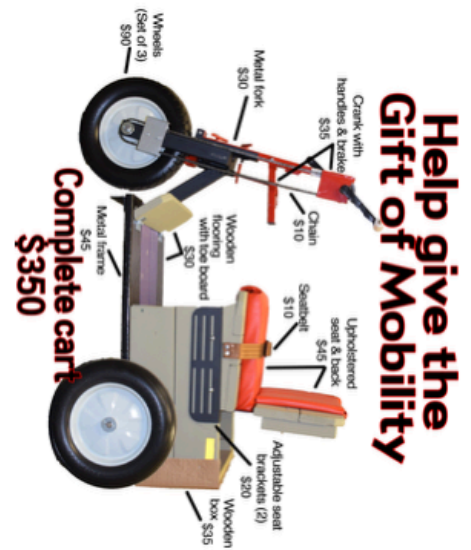
If you are just now hearing about The Big Give for the first time, unfortunately the event will be over by the time you read this message. That's okay — it's our first time participating in this event too! While it is too late to contribute to THIS online fundraiser, it's not too late to send your special gift for an offline donation anytime of the year. The Big Give, run by the Nonprofit Council, just closed out their 8th year facilitating, promoting, and offering matching contributions to hundreds of nonprofits in the area.

But, not to fear: you can still give to Mobility Worldwide through the mail or online as outlined in the tear-offs on this newsletter. We give thanks to ALL our supporters!

Thank you to our dedicated sponsors: Northside Lions Club, Gail Srubar, John & Robin Rinehart, Mike & Nancy Guinn, Alamo Plaza Shirts, Aubra & Susan Franklin. Their sponsorships accounted for \$10,000 of love outpoured in matching funds for online donations! Next year you too can participate in the generosity! Be on the lookout for "The Big Give Save-The-Date" notifications next summer!

#BigGive2022

Perhaps you have heard of "The Big Give" before. Maybe you have participated in this South Central Texas' 24-hour day of online giving fueled by the power of generous donors, creative nonprofits, social media, collaboration, and you!



Yes! I want to partner with Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio to sponsor the building of Mobility Cart specialty wheelchairs.

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

\$_____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$450 each, which includes a personalized metal plate on the Cart

\$_____ toward production of a Cart

Name _____

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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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