



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



January - March 2024

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Wayne Beare meets DIF Acuña staff and visits San Antonio workshop

Our Mobility Carts part of a larger shipment going to Malawi, Africa

AMIGA taking Mobility Carts to Honduras

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Mobility Worldwide®
TX - San Antonio

APPRECIATION DINNER

SATURDAY MAY 11TH 3PM

BLANCO BBQ
13259 OLD BLANCO ROAD
SATX 78216

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 3:00PM

We Hope To See You There!



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Yes, it is that time of the year when we gather to celebrate the lives of those people less fortunate than we who live in underdeveloped countries and who struggle every day just to get around.

By now, and by reading our Mission Statement, you have probably been involved with Mobility Worldwide long enough to have joined us in wanting to make a difference in people's lives by providing them with "The Gift of Mobility." We thank all our volunteers, whether you work one day a month or several days a week, or if you support our activities financially or by performing jobs at home (see last Quarter's newsletter article featuring Maria Prasser who sews the buckles on seatbelts for use on the Mobility Carts).

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The Need

Over 65 million people need a wheelchair! In most developing countries, few of those who need wheelchairs have access and there are insufficient production facilities available. (21st World Congress of Rehabilitation International, World Health Organization, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, and Disabled People's International, 2008).

Of the more than 18 million amputees around the world, about 80-percent of those live in developing countries. ("Bringing Prosthetics to Developing Countries." Atlanta Business Chronicle, May 2010).

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide Mobility Carts (specialty wheelchairs) at no cost to individuals with disabilities who live in developing countries and who have no appropriate means of mobility by: operating a manufacturing site to construct Carts; educating the public about the great need of disabled and disadvantaged persons; raising funds to support the construction and delivery of the wheelchairs; and disseminating the wheelchairs to the applicants through international agencies and sponsors.



Photos from last year's BBQ



We encourage you to be watching your email and regular mail for details about how and when to RSVP and the fact that there is no charge to you for the Appreciation Dinner (although "donations do change lives").

AND, INTRODUCING

Featured in last Quarter's newsletter were two very important events in the life of Mobility Worldwide. First, we were visited by a staff writer from "The Express News," Vincent Davis. Thanks to the article he submitted to "The Express" to be published, we were contacted by several people in San Antonio, expressing interest in volunteering with us in the building of Mobility Carts. And soon after that, Courtney Friedman of KSAT-12, reporter and anchor for weekend evening newscasts, visited to obtain a story about what we do. Shortly after that story aired on the local news, we received even more inquiries about becoming a volunteer. Please welcome the following people joining us as volunteers. Additional volunteers to be introduced in subsequent newsletters.



Ana Franco



Molly Davis



Paul Canuel

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL LOGISTICS MEETS DIF ACUNA STAFF

On January 9, we had the pleasure of having Wayne Beare join us on driving a shipment of 20 Mobility

Carts from the San Antonio workshop to Del Rio, TX. Wayne is the National Director of Global Logistics for Mobility Worldwide, and this trailer-load of Carts was scheduled to be



transferred to the trailer from the city of Acuña in the Mexican state of Coahuila. The social service representatives from Acuña met us in Del Rio (on the US side of the border), transferring the Carts to their trailer and allowing them to negotiate the Border crossing with the Mexican authorities.



Wayne was pleased to have this opportunity to meet the Director of DIF (Development of Integral Families) from Acuña, Amalia Hernandez, and interpreter Karina Macedo, and to discuss the scope of the

needs of their disabled citizens. Wayne was also honored to receive a gift from our Acuña friends, that of two freshly baked King Cakes. Wayne accepted the Cakes in honor of the



volunteers from the San Antonio workshop, promising to deliver them to the shop the following day. This bottom

photo shows the volunteers at the San Antonio Mobility Worldwide workshop, eagerly waiting to enjoy the cake! Thank you, DIF Acuña!



OUR CARTS HEADED TO MALAWI

Working in collaboration with the Austin, TX workshop of Mobility Worldwide, the San Antonio Affiliate was invited to send some of our Adult

Mobility Carts to be included in their shipping container headed for Malawi, Africa. Mobility Worldwide has shipped Mobility Carts to Malawi in



the past and have enjoyed the cooperation and leadership taken in that country for getting our shipments sorted and delivered to those people with mobility needs.

We are pleased to have been asked to submit our Mobility Carts to be included in this shipment.



This particular shipping container will have quite a story to tell once it arrives on land in Africa and finds its way to Malawi. It will contain the 34 Adult hand-cranked Carts from San Antonio; 100 Carts from the Brazos Valley workshop; 10 Small hand-cranked Carts from Columbia, Missouri; 8 sewing machines from Columbia; and 25 of the new Resin (plastic) Molded Carts (still under evaluation). And that's not all! The shipping container itself, while found to not be as seaworthy as we would like, will itself be purchased and gifted to the people of Malawi to be used for storage and warehouse purposes.



Our thanks to Richard Baldwin and Joe Srubar for driving our two trailers to Austin on February 9 and helping unload our Carts into the Malawi container.

5 CARTS TO HONDURAS VIA AMIGA

And now to a completely different part of the world . . . We haven't featured one of our other regular ministries in quite a while: Honduras. Fortunately for us, several years ago a



local ministry outreach, AMIGA, found us and told us about their annual mission trip to Honduras. It is their goal to address the medical needs and permanent structure needs there. AMIGA stands for "A Mission in God's Amor." Their headquarters is in St. Louis,

Missouri, with a satellite support presence in the neighboring city of Selma, TX. At this time they are gathering up medical supplies and equipment, pharmaceuticals, clothing, and everyday needs. A shipping container of these goods will be loaded in Selma on April 13 and then begin its overseas trip to the Central American country of Honduras. Some 5-6 people from AMIGA will follow up several weeks later by traveling to Honduras to unpack and organize the shipped materials. Several mobile medical clinics will eventually be set up, with some 20+ medical professionals and support volunteers heading to Honduras in a few months to take the medical supplies to where the people are. This means taking the needed care by several different kinds of conveyance to the mountain area where the people working in agriculture are harvesting the coffee beans and just cannot afford to take time to

interrupt their work and return to the villages. We are pleased that the representatives from AMIGA see the value in the Mobility Carts, which we produce, and take 5-10 with them in the shipping container. Pictured to the left are AMIGA representative Mike Schramm, and Mobility volunteers Keith Venable and Walt Mischenko. (Not in photo is Ellie Cantu from AMIGA).

PRESIDENT TOM MARTIN SAYS . . .

For you "Numbers People" out there, I wanted to provide a brief summary of our accomplishments for the Year 2023. More details will be available at the time of our "Annual Appreciation Dinner" and I look forward to sharing that information with you then. But for now, here is what your financial support and volunteer hours made possible during 2023. Thank you!



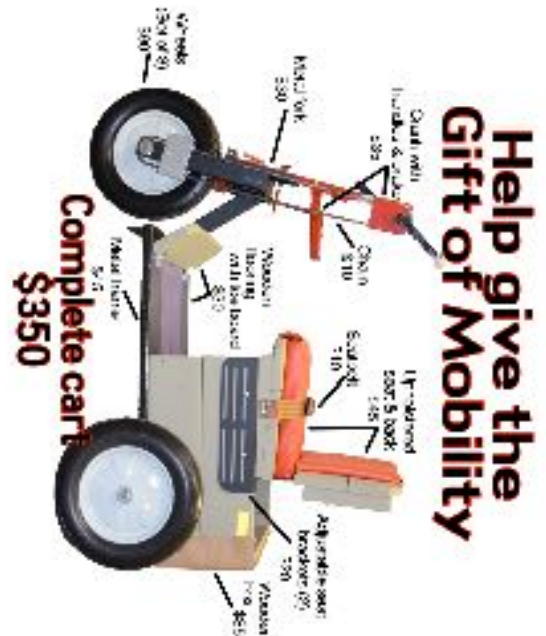
24 volunteers during the year

2,185 volunteer hours

107 Mobility Carts built

71 Mobility Carts shipped :

- 24 Carts to Aztec Ministry, Mexico
- 1 Cart with Missionary Pilot to El Salvador
- 40 Carts to Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico (two trips)
- 5 Carts with AMIGA to Honduras
- 1 Cart to Mexico via Grace Air Mission



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

\$ _____ toward the production of a Cart

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

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

Name _____

Business _____

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City, State, ZIP _____

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My gift is _____ in honor of / _____ in memory of _____

Please send acknowledgement in my/our name (withhold disclosing the amount of gift) to:

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Relationship _____

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