



# PET FLORIDA REPORT

## from Penney Farms

### The Gift of Mobility — The Gift of Hope

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The handcranked “wheelchair” that goes where ordinary wheelchairs can’t go.

## Celebrating the New Metal Shop

Hurricane Matthew stole the show on October 8 when the scheduled Glenn Hupprich Machine and Welding Shop open house and dedication had to be postponed. Instead, on October 21, a group of faithful PET supporters gathered to give praise and thanksgiving for the new, air-conditioned, spacious building.

Now the welders and machinists have separate work areas, a safer arrangement. Larry Hills, co-designer of the original PET and founder of the PET Florida–Penney Farms affiliate, shared stories of how the welding and machine shop evolved into what it is today. See the story below.



Larry Hills, right, speaking at the dedication.

## Rusty and Discarded? Not Any More!

Larry Hills found me in a junk yard in Ocala, Florida, in 2001. He saw potential in me, an old rusty piece of metal! Sid Rooy cleaned me up. I was welded into the right shape and affixed to the bottom of a three-wheeled cart at a local garage. I became the “backbone,” holding that cart together!

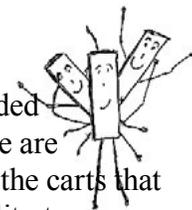
I was so proud of my new life. Friends of Larry and Sid in Fernandina Beach heard about me and began making more backbones and other metal parts for the carts produced at Penney Farms. Along the way, friends like Ray Truhn, Armand and Mary Schmaltz, and Tom and Dallas Andrews captured the vision and production increased. With all this help, work space at the garage seemed to shrink! We moved to a larger facility in 2008.

Then Glenn Hupprich began coordinating the Penney Farms welding and machine shop, working side-by-side with Otis Rowe. They continued shaping us into useful metal parts at an ever increasing rate.

In 2013 the shop was named in memory of Glenn. Otis stepped in and Fred Pratt soon followed as the new coordinator. Otis, like Larry Hills, had a vision. Fred caught the vision of enlarging the metal shop, as did the PET Florida Board of Directors who authorized the expansion. That vision became a reality during the summer months of 2016.

We metal pieces were glad. An expanded shop with greater safety and efficiency meant more of us being used.

No longer discarded, rejected and rusty, we are proud to be a part of the carts that give the gift of mobility to so many. Thank you for helping make this a reality. Your new friend, Rusty—oops, I mean, Shiny!



Do you know how many metal parts there are in a PET? Altogether there are 52 metal parts, and it takes 135 different steps from beginning to end.

### How the New Shop Was Funded

Donations (unaudited totals):

Two challenge grants	\$35,000	30%
Edna Sproull Williams Foundation grant	\$20,000	17%
Seventy-six donors	\$63,405	53%

**Total Donations \$118,405**

Expenditures as of October 21, 2016: \$102,048

**Balance\* \$16,356**

\*For equipment, parts, and maintenance.

# Transportation and Distribution Partnerships

We are blessed to be in partnership with so many who have a commitment to transporting and distributing PETs! The following stories from Kenya and Guyana are illustrations. These partnerships start with Mobility Worldwide,

formerly PET International. The folks there enter into agreements with non-profit organizations that can deliver PETs where they are needed. Then these arrangements are made available to the 23 PET affiliates in the United States.

## Kenya to Receive 185 PETs

Another PET shipment was sent on its way November 1, 2016. One hundred seventeen adult carts and 68 juniors are now en route to Kenya, Africa. PET at Penney Farms made the adult ones while the junior ones were manufactured by the affiliate in Holland, Michigan.

MedShare, a humanitarian aid organization, working in 121 countries worldwide, was our transportation partner for this shipment. PET Florida has worked with its distribution center in Decatur, Georgia, for many years, sending shipments to Central America and the Caribbean, South America, and Africa.

When this shipment of PETs arrives at the Port of Mombasa, Kenya, it will then be transported to Nairobi. There Partners for Care, a compassion driven, non-profit organization, will provide these carts free of charge to those in need of mobility. We look forward to hearing new stories from Kenya!



MedShare delivers PETs to Kenya frequently. This one went in 2014.

## Shipment to Guyana

Less than two years ago Michael Abrams had two legs and an active life in his hometown of Golden Grove, a town located in the northern coastal area of Guyana. Having his right leg amputated changed his life.

Resources are limited in Guyana. Inadequate health care and educational facilities coupled with poverty are realities in this South American country sandwiched between Venezuela and Suriname.

Since 1991, Food For The Poor in Guyana has been effectively addressing many of these needs. Happily, that includes distributing PETs from Penney Farms, Florida.

Michael received his PET in August 2016 from Kent Vincent, CEO of Food for the Poor in Guyana. What a life changer! Michael's relief and joy overflowed. He told Kent, "I will cherish this until I die." PETs bring so much more than mobility; they bring hope and a new life!



Kent Vincent, Food for the Poor, presents a PET to Michael Abrams in Guyana.

## New Name for PET Florida—Penney Farms

In the September 2016 newsletter it was announced that PET International had changed its name to Mobility Worldwide. Our board of directors has now authorized the process for changing our official name to "PET Florida—Penney Farms, Inc. dba\* Mobility Worldwide—Florida—Penney Farms." Please continue to use PET Florida—Penney Farms until 2017.

\*dba—doing business as

# PET Florida Partners With Donors

PET Florida is blessed with many, many partners—individuals, couples, families, churches, clubs, and service organizations—who regularly send their gifts of hope, love, opportunity, and mobility. As we enter

this season of thanksgiving and gifting, we thank you again for your ongoing generosity. Below are some ways you can help support the production of PETs.

## Give a Gift of a Christmas Greeting

**Send to family and friends:**

**In Memory of**      **In Honor of**      **With Thanks**  
**Anniversary**      **Birthday**      **Special Event**

**A card will be sent in your name!**

## Monthly Donations

Twelve monthly donations of \$25 will pay for one PET in a year—\$300! Is this a possibility for you, your family, or a small group of adults, youth, or children?

## Ways You Can Make a Donation

- Tell the story of PET, how it makes a difference in people's lives. Encourage others to give.
- Pray for PET: its donors, vendors, and volunteers.
- A number of donors send monthly donations via their bank. Do this by electronic transfer or an online "pay bill" from your bank. A check is then sent directly to PET Florida, PO Box 919, Penney Farms, FL 32079.
- PayPal on the internet can also be used. Go to our website, [www.petflorida.org](http://www.petflorida.org), and follow directions under "Donate" and "PayPal."
- Stocks and bonds: Call the office at 904-284-5495 for more information.
- IRAs: A gift made directly from a traditional IRA account to PET Florida is a tax-free donation to you and to us. This is an easy way for you to give 100% of your Required Minimum Deduction. (RMD).

## Buy a T-Shirt or Cap

### Suggested Donations



**Cap Color: khaki, red or blue**  
**\$7 (\$5 + \$2 sh)**

**T-Shirt: \$11 (\$8 + \$3 shipping)**  
**Sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL**

**Purchase one T-shirt and one cap: \$16**

## Amazon Smile

If you make purchases via Amazon, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), choose PET Florida-Penney Farms, and a small percentage of your order will be donated to us!

## PET Donation Form: Please note, checks are still payable to PET Florida-Penney Farms.

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**Please include name and address of honoree when special greetings should be sent.**

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## In Memory of:

(Beginning August 24, 2016, through October 26, 2016)

**Topsy Ebling** from Warren Ebling  
**Kenneth Ewing** from Richie McCabe  
and Christine Scott  
**Cheryle Forte** from Deborah Onderdonk  
**Art Kuehn** from Norris and Carol Overdahl  
**Wanda Manderscheid** from June Herbelin

**Loved Ones** from Ilse Anderson  
**Dr. Ron Seaton** from Ted and Jeannie Emack  
**Margaret Smith** from Vernon and Paula Smith  
**Ruth Sigmon** from Ardath Heard  
**Carl Staser** from Teddy Staser

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## In Honor of:

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**Ken and Mary Anthony** from Janice Lutz  
**Lynn Aubel's** 90th birthday from Marty E. Miller  
**Jim and Mena Burns** from Kent and Susan Burns  
**Barbara Chase** from Wilma David  
**Joyce Chirhart** from Betty Gratz  
**Zella Corbett's** birthday from Carl and Vivian Pennock  
**Dick and Margaret Dodds** from Patricia Holahan  
**Ted Emack** from James R. Fleming  
**Ken and Jerri Ewing's** birthdays from Mark Ewing  
**Mike and Carolyn Neal's** anniversary from Cynthia B. Watson  
**Sid Rooy's** 90th birthday from Joy Carol; Ted and Jeannie Emack; Gwenn McCormick;  
and Ken and Gayle Ritsema  
**Sid and Mae Roy's** 65th Anniversary from Joy Carol; Ken and Gayle Ritsema

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## With Thanks:

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**Ken and Mary Anthony** for hospitality from Mary Beth Neuhaus  
**Jim Archibald** for transportation from Rita Gallager  
**David Quirk** for help from Ellie Hunt  
**Carol Wintermyer** from Gerald and Elaine Croke-Felde  
**Dee Yurdock** for help from Ellie Hunt

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