

## Giving the Gift of Mobility, Dignity & Opportunity

## 2015 Annual Report

**Our Mission** The <u>Personal Energy Transportation</u> (PET) Project's mission is to provide appropriate mobility for all of God's children in need. We seek to provide mobility first for those in greatest need and with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries.

## Another 1,507 of Us No Longer Crawl in the Dirt

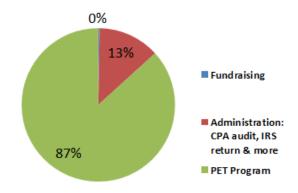
Our mission and focus remained the same in 2015, to use a volunteer network to build and ship PET vehicles to those most in need where PETs would best be suited. We built 1,507 PETs in three versions: 466 child/small cranks, 771 adult cranks and 270 Pulls. That was accomplished by the team efforts of our generous volunteers, donors and vendors. We have continued to be blessed by volunteers across the country that make and deliver parts to us at their cost, promote PET, assemble, box for shipping, and load shipments. Over 200 dedicated volunteers help stretch donor dollars farther. The volunteers who worked in the shop and warehouse alone provided 11,252 hours of service.

**News** We embarked on a new relationship with the 1040i project in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Africa. They have been a distribution partner with the PET Family for several years. Our Affiliate had met with their staff to further our partnership with their mission. That will include our assisting with overseas shipping expense which started with the first full container in November 2015. Contents included 200 PETs and 7 boxes of repair parts. The plan is to also seek out in country help to set up a place for assembling arriving PETs, doing maintenance on older PETs with spare parts shipped, and acquiring follow up interviews and evaluations of the recipients and PETs. Our Executive Director planned to travel to Cote d'Ivoire in February 2016. (Picture: girl receives child PET there in 2011.)



**Revenue** PET MO–Columbia, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization supported by those who believe in its mission of mobility. This support comes in the form of contributions from individuals, churches, and businesses (cash, discounted or free PET parts/off the shelf items). For example we have vendors who are supplying free goods such as pallets for shipping, steel springs, and fabricated metal chain guards & seat brackets. Total revenue for FY 2015 was \$594,355.

**Expense** We continue to look for the best price/use of funds whether in shipping, buying supplies/parts, etc. Total expenses for FY 2015 were \$406,585. Program expense (building PETs, shop space and equipment, shipping, and reporting materials to tell the story and educate the public including our quarterly newsletter) was \$354,252 or 87%. Management and general (office equipment, supplies and general costs of office, office support, and postage) expense was \$51,238 or 13%. Fundraising expense was \$1,095 or .3%.





".. The PET Carts have been very well received in many of the countries where we ship...

Meet Abiti. Due to a condition she has endured her entire life, Abiti is unable to walk upright...

St. Joseph's Hospital in Malawi that has given Abiti a new independence. We're honored to be

part of bringing that smile to her face..."

Best, Liam Carstens, Vice President **Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Brother's Brother Foundation** 





Board, Officers, and Staff Terry Furstenau, President

Co-founded and ran a magazine publishing company for 15 years before selling it and moving into semi-retirement. (Has a livestock farm.) He became a volunteer in the Columbia shop about 7 years ago and joined the Board a few years later.

Daryl Smith, Vice President Don Bay, Treasurer and Secretary Mel Toellner, Trustee **Dennis Canote, Trustee** 

Joni Troyer, Trustee

Steve Baima, Ad Hoc member Retired Volunteer Executive Director for PET International. Mel West, Ad Hoc member Retired Executive Director and founder of PET



Gary Moreau, Executive Director since 2013. Became a PET volunteer in 2004 and later a board trustee. Wellness Coordinator for Juice Plus; previously District Conservationist in Minnesota and Utah.

Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator since 1999. Prior employment included various accounting and insurance positions.

A review of our accounting records for our year end December 31, 2014 was completed by Gerding, Korte and Chitwood CPA firm in May 2015. A copy is available upon request.

