



# MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

## Penney Farms, Florida

*Providing Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Carts  
that go where ordinary wheelchairs can't go*

### PRAISES

#### GAVIN'S MIRACLE CHALLENGE GRANT

This \$20,000 challenge grant was met by mid April 2017! Donors were most generous and eager to assure that this challenge was met.

#### FOUNDATION AWARD

The Edna Sproull Williams Foundation, Florida, awarded Mobility Worldwide-FL at Penney Farms \$15,000 in February 2017 as a donation to assure funding for the newly designed seats as well as the tool kits that are sent overseas with each mobility cart.

#### A CLAY COUNTY CELEBRATION

The Paul and Klare Reinhold Foundation granted a monetary gift to us at their April 2017 annual awards breakfast. This was a gala celebration for a variety of Clay County, Florida, not-for-profit agencies! Since 2003, our organization has received numerous awards, including the top dollar award and the volunteer of the year award for Larry Hills. We are blessed to be a recipient of a Clay County foundation that supports on-going agencies and encourages new nonprofits to meet county needs.

## CARTS FOR KENYANS

People of all ages living in Kenya are benefitting from mobility carts shipped there by MedShare and distributed by Partners for Care. This agency is a non-governmental organization helping to ease the people's burdens, including those with disabilities. In 2016 alone, 185 mobility carts from Penney Farms were paired with recipients through these two partners.

Recently, the president and founder of Partners for Care, Connie Cheren, spoke at Penney Farms and shared many stories of Kenyan lives transformed because of the provision of mobility. She pointed out that 4.6% of Kenyans experience some form of disability, and only one in six disabled children attend school. Those who do are often ostracized and face exclusion.

## A KENYAN STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING

Ephemera grew up in western Kenya enjoying school, social activities, and sports. Sidelined by polio at 18, her life changed dramatically. Her legs were useless; her old life was gone and with it, her freedom and independence. She was dependent on her caregivers for mobility. Friends melted away and Ephemera withdrew into herself. Attending school was a huge challenge for the family. If Ephemera was to attend at all, her mother had to carry her there. Ephemera wasn't sure she even wanted to go.

Change came for the whole family when Ephemera received her own PET through Partners for Care, and her mother was freed from carrying her daughter. Ephemera described it as an answer to her prayers. The cart gave her the freedom she had been longing for. Ephemera, now 28 years old, has renewed hope in becoming

a teacher. Carts come with a huge supply of happy endings.



Ephemera being lifted onto her mobility cart for the first time.

## SMILES ALL AROUND

Partners for Care is at work in Kenya distributing hope and opportunity in the form of mobility carts! Those with the need tell it the best:

Josephine, below left, says, “For many years I was forced to crawl on the ground; God has answered my prayer.”

Marian Karimi, center photo, director of a home

for special needs children, tells us, “The children are overjoyed and have made great social improvement; they interact better.”

Vicky, photo below right, is a 15-year-old boy living with his parents who struggled to care for him. He had to be carried everywhere — but not anymore!



Josephine giving praise for mobility



Marian Karimi, right, with special needs child



Vicky, 15, and his friend's smiles tell it all

### MOBILITY WORLDWIDE AT PENNEY FARMS IS INDEBTED TO THESE PARTNERS

#### Crown Products Company, Inc.

Crown Products, located in Jacksonville, Florida, makes air ducting for the HVAC industry. For us at Mobility Worldwide—FL, they make the upper and lower chain and sprocket guards for our PETs. These are guards that keep fingers from getting pinched while protecting the chain. As needed during the year, Crown Products donates 500 units of each guard, which are made to fit both sizes of our mobility carts.

This partnership began when Larry Hills was just beginning PET production at Penney Farms. He met with the CEO of Crown, explaining the purpose and mission of PETs.

#### Tampa Bay Steel Corporation

Tampa Bay Steel in Tampa, Florida, has been donating raw steel cut to length as well as two laser-cut pieces to PET—FL since 2001. They deliver each shipment to Penney Farms on Tampa Bay trucks.

This partnership developed when Larry Hills' son-in-law connected with Tampa Bay leadership at their church. A PET located at the church helped tell the story.

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Sincere thanks goes to these two faithful partners who provide foundational and other essential parts, creating mobility carts built to last.

# MANY THANKS TO THESE CHURCHES AND GROUPS

From July 1, 2016, until April 26, 2017, the following churches and groups contributed to giving the gift of mobility through the building of PETs.

## Churches

Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Oskaloosa, IA  
Concord United Methodist Church, Marion, NC  
Congregational Church, South Hero, VT  
Durham Oak Hill United Methodist Church, Cornwallville, NY  
E.C.W. Trinity, Melrose, FL  
Hammock Community Church, Palm Coast, FL  
First Presbyterian Church, Darby, PA  
Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg, FL

Presbyterian Church, Lakewood, OH  
Presbyterian Church, Orange Park, FL  
Riverside Presbyterian Church, Cocoa Beach, FL  
Trinity United Methodist Church, Gainesville, FL  
United Methodist Church, Harwood House Thrift Store, Damascus, MD  
University United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI

## Men's and Women's Groups

First United Methodist, Quilters & Sewers, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Flager United Methodist Women, St. Augustine, FL  
Holt United Methodist Women, Holt, MI  
United Methodist Women, Orange Park, FL

United Methodist Women, Wildwood, FL  
United Methodist Women, Bowling Green, KY  
United Methodist Men, Salem, MD  
United Methodist Men, Spring Hill, FL

## VERY IMPORTANT

Checks are to be made out to **Mobility Worldwide FL–Penney Farms.**

If you donate using **PayPal**, please indicate donations are for **Mobility Worldwide FL–Penney Farms.** The web address is [www.MWFLPenneyFarms.org](http://www.MWFLPenneyFarms.org). When making PayPal donations, please authorize giving us your address. Otherwise PayPal will not do so, and we cannot acknowledge your gift.

**Please make checks payable to Mobility Worldwide FL–Penney Farms.**

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

**Send the Gift of Mobility to honor someone on special occasions!**

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# SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

(February 1 through April 30, 2017)

## In Memory of:

Yvonne Vinkemulder, president of the Penney Farms, Florida, Board of Directors, passed away on April 17, 2017, after an illness of several months. She joined the board in 2004 when it was established and was a writer of the by-laws. Yvonne, who was a lawyer, put her faith into action not only by supporting PET-FL through the years and moving it into the future, but also by consulting for the development of PET International, Inc., now Mobility Worldwide. She will be greatly missed.

**Lillianaha Bartolomei**  
from Jacqueline Ladwein

**Bill Cannon**  
from Barbara Chase

**Topsy Ebling**  
from Warren Ebling

**Topsy & Warren Ebling**  
from Kathy Boree

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from Barbara Chase; Michael & Rebecca  
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Kathleen Nelson; MaryAnn Rolland-Yeager

**Ruth Sigman**  
from Jacqueline Ladwein

**Thelma Southard**  
from Barbara Chase

## In Honor of:

**Vito Aruanno**  
from Randy Casserleigh, Ted Emack, George  
Lutz, Blake Rymer, and Millard Surratt

**Joy Carol**  
Happy Birthday, from Susan Rafferty

**Barbara Chase**  
from John Muir

**Mr. & Mrs. Ray Deters,**  
50th Wedding Anniversary, from Brian &  
Tina Deters

**Jack & Joann Hill**  
from David Hill

**Jeannie & Ted Emack,**  
Happy Anniversary, from Ted Emack

**Ted Emack,**  
Happy Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day,  
from Jeanne Emack; Happy Birthday, from  
Harry & Beatrice George; Lance Mora

**Ted & Jeannie Emack**  
from Donald & Leila Lohr

**Larry & Laura Hills**  
from John Muir

**Betty Larimer,**  
Happy Birthday, from Marian Stephens

**Jiro Mizuno,**  
for many special family events, from  
Rosenda Mizuno

**Lyle & Wilene Powell**  
Happy 91st Birthdays, from Nancy Romero

**Melvin & Betty Richey**  
from Maureen Acorn

**David Quirk**  
from Gloria & Ivan Kurtz

**Sid & Mae Rooy**  
from Merv & Dona Breneman

**Gladys Walters**  
from Robert & Karen Rigel

**Sandy Welch**  
from Dorothy Bruner

## With Thanks

**Ted Emack**  
from Donna & James Egal

**Bill & Betty Petty**  
from Trinity United Methodist Church,  
Gainesville

**David Quirk**  
for taxes, from Conrad & Alison Heins;  
Dolly Hillman; Steve Offner

**Sue Vandermeij**  
for taxes, from Jean Mueller

**Patti Valentine**  
for her professional banking skills plus her  
personal touch, from the Volunteers at "The  
PET Place"

Mobility Worldwide-FL at Penney Farms produces PETs (Personal Energy Transportation) that are hand-cranked carts built for durability and travel over rough terrain. Our goal is to provide this gift of mobility to those who are leg disabled living in developing countries. Our mission is to reflect the love of God through the provision of PETs, bringing dignity to those who are mobility challenged. This newsletter is published four times a year. For more information Google Mobility Worldwide, Penney Farms, FL.



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