



Newsletter

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Brazos Valley Mobility Carts Change Lives in Liberia



After a year of planning and work a container of 170 carts from the Brazos Valley was distributed at the Methodist Hospital in Ganta, Liberia. Thanks to Rev. Rose Farhat and the United Methodist Women of Liberia the shipment successfully entered Liberia and were distributed by the UMW. Rev. Farhat said the carts were the women's way of addressing the needs of their physically challenged brothers and sisters. Rev. Rose affirmed, "We want you to get to the places you desire to go unhindered."

At a distribution in Gbarnga City Rev. Rose said, "You all prayed for wheelchairs and someone in the United States of America heard your prayers." Thank you to all our donors who heard the prayers of people with mobility disabilities in Liberia. You made a difference—you changed lives!

Mother Yeï Sendolo, 80, now has mobility.

Jartu Morris, said, "No more spending money on motorbike taxis for transportation."

Eric Gboluma said the cart requires less physical strength than his wheelchair and will reduce the use of his palms.

Abel Gbeadquoï, a junior at Nimba Community College, said, "I will return to school as of January 2018."

Thanks to Eberstein & Witherite, LLP for donating the shipping costs to Monrovia, Liberia.



Want to know more about Mobility Worldwide? Call our office and we would love to schedule a time to give your class or organization a presentation about our mission. We would also be happy to schedule a time for you to visit our shop.

A Mighty Move

Remember the last time you moved? Remember how much fun it was? March, April and May of 2017 saw us move into our new shop at 2211 Bomber Drive in Bryan, right behind the U.S. Army Moore Memorial Center and across Bomber Drive from the Bomber stadium. And yes, moving was as much fun as you remember. **We are extremely grateful to the city of Bryan for leasing us our beautiful new building.**

We spent March winding down production and packing. The beginning of April was the big move and April and May were setting up the shop. We used the move as an opportunity to declutter, streamline our production paths, build and purchase storage units (we had to go vertical), remodel the bathroom and office and



equipment. It was a monumental effort, but our new shop is much more efficient and we make maximum use of all the spaces.

On June 2nd we held our Open House in conjunction with the Bomber baseball team. After a couple of hours of showing off our new place to friends and donors we went to the Bombers game where 8 of our veterans threw out the first ball. It was a great night because we had so many friends share in celebrating our new shop!



2018 Goals

Build 500 Mobility Carts

Increase budget to \$150,000 in cash and material donations

Increase awareness and visibility in the Brazos Valley

Update accounting and ordering systems

Expand our database of donors

Seek additional business partners

College Station Noon Lions Club Sponsor Next Shipment to Nepal

The College Station Noon Lions Club have adopted a sister Lions Club in Nepal. Yuba Bajracharya, a founding member and first President of the Sankhu Lions Club in Kathmandu, has been visiting in College Station and helped establish the new sisterhood. The first action of the relationship is to send a container of 170 mobility carts to the Sankhu Lions Club for distribution in Nepal. The College Station Noon Lions will pay for the over seas shipping to Kolkata (Calcutta) and the Nepalese Lions will pay for the overland shipping to Nepal. The shipment is scheduled to leave in January. We are looking forward to a long term relationship with College Station Noon Lions Club and the Sankhu Lions Club.





Chester Jones

August 5, 1923—November 27, 2017



Herb Shelton

March 17, 1923—November 19, 2017

November was a difficult month for our shop. We lost two volunteers, both were 94, WWII vets and both worked in the shop the week before they became ill. Chester and Herb were great friends to us and wonderful role models. We all aspire to be like them—working and contributing our whole lives.

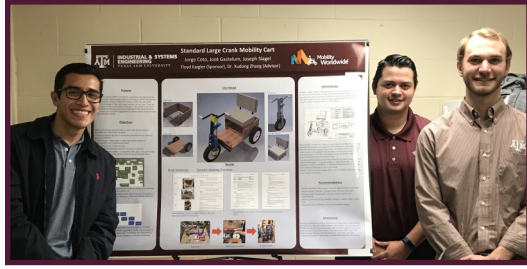
Herb Shelton

Herb was born in Arkansas and was a Marine in the South Pacific during WWII. He married Eris in 1946 and worked for 27 years for the Post Office in the Dallas area, becoming a postmaster. After retirement he worked for 10 years as a bank teller and then began volunteering at the hospital in Waxahachie for 18 years. Herb lost his beloved Eris after 62 years of marriage. He moved to Bryan in 2011, joined the First United Methodist Church and began building mobility carts. It is hard to estimate, but Herb probably built over 2,000 carts. He was a phenomenal worker. When he was 94 we couldn't keep up with him! Herb spent nearly 25 years volunteering to help others. He always had a positive attitude and was a real gentleman. Herb is greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Chester Jones

Chester was born in Georgia, but growing up he lived in several different cities. His family moved to Texas and he graduated from Highland Park High School. He began at A&M, class of 1945, but volunteered for the army in 1941 and spent four years in Europe. After the war Chester was able to return to A&M and complete his engineering degree in 1949. He married Ross in 1948. Chester worked for Texas Instruments before opening his own manufacturing company. He sold his company and became a security expert for National Fire Alarm. After retirement Ross and Chester moved to Bryan where he was active in the First United Methodist Church. Although many participated, it was Chester's drive, knowledge and leadership that moved the P.E.T. Project, now Mobility Worldwide, to Bryan in 2009. Chester lost Ross after 68 years of marriage. He served as shop foreman until 2014 and remained a regular volunteer in the shop. Chester was an inspiring leader, brilliant innovator, and a great friend.

Work of A&M Students Benefits Mobility Worldwide



Jose, Jorge and Joseph show their project poster to The Mobility Worldwide BV volunteers.



MW Board Members receive \$5,000 check from Strategic Philanthropy Class

Industrial and Systems Engineering Students

Last fall, the Industrial and Systems Engineering class, through their Capstone Project chose Mobility Worldwide as one of their projects. The project was to to prepare CAD drawings and to detail fabrication and assembly operations. In order to complete this project, the team had to disassemble a mobility cart, detail each part and then reassemble the cart. They also spent hours in the shop detailing the shop operations. The team members were Jose Gastelum, Jorge Coto and Joseph Siagel.

Next semester another group of 5th year students will begin a project that will consider design innovations to our cart. Thanks you to A&M, Professor Jose Vazquez and the engineering students for their time and hard work.

Strategic Philanthropy Class

The Strategic Philanthropy Class at the Mays Business School allocated \$62,000 to non profits in the Bryan/College Station area. Led by Lecturer Kyle Gammenthaler, the class evaluated the applications of 43 non profits, narrowed them down to 10 and then made the final awards to five of the non profits. Students from the class visited our shop, gathered information and presented our case to the student board. The \$5,000 we were awarded will be used to train our federal inmate volunteers welding.

The grants were funded from the Philanthropy Lab and the George H.W.Bush Presidential Library.

You can change a life. You can help a child go to school. You can help someone get a job. You can help a mom care for her family. You can lift someone off the ground and give them dignity and mobility. Please give today!

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