



Summer 2021

Successful Organizations Invest in Innovation Amid Crises

Mobility Worldwide is investing heavily in the research and development of a molded resin cart body, wheels and seat cushion. The new cart could be added to Mobility Worldwide's existing catalog of products if it performs well. Current Mobility Carts will continue to be made as is.

Dozens of carts are being field tested in Kenya, Tanzania, Haiti and elsewhere. Users are being followed weeks after receiving their devices. This can be expensive, as staff must revisit people in remote areas for follow-up. Users often give valuable feedback once the euphoria of the gift has worn off.



Molded resin is 30% lighter than wood and easier to manage.



People like storage capacity and prefer solid rubber tires.

Using data, the Research and Design Committee works with The Step2 Company to make improvements. A new mold (similar to a giant clam shell) is expected and could cost tens of thousands of dollars but will produce thousands of cart bodies at a huge savings (about 30%) in a fraction of the time needed to produce wood bodies.

The entire cost of research and design is funded by Mobility Worldwide's international office. New designs will adhere to the founder's principles that carts are to be simple and durable machines.



Jibu recently received a new cart after six years of use in Kenya.



Mobility Carts, like this one in Bali, are often left outdoors making them vulnerable to damage caused by the elements (left).

Easter Match Win

Easter Season donors provided a win by matching a couple's \$20,000 donation challenge raising over \$30,000. A couple offered to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$20,000 this spring and people responded generously by the time the challenge ended on Ascension Sunday.

The campaign is helping to fund several shipments of Mobility Carts that are making their way to Africa and Asia. Also, a large order of high quality bearings which is subsidized by the international office also came due recently.

This Honduran man received his Mobility Cart many years ago and thanks to high quality parts, he is able to use it with confidence today.



A Proper Fit: A Must

The World Health Organization says that training community health care workers on how to properly fit a person to a wheelchair is as important as training the user. The Burma Children's Medical Fund, one of Mobility Worldwide's busiest partners often conducts training within communities it serves.

Recently the BCMF trained three physiotherapists and another two technicians at the Khun Muang District Hospital in Thailand. It also provided training to several dozen children and adults who received a Mobility Cart.

Leadership of the BCMF also recruited the technical team from the Buri Ram Technical College to get involved. The technicians made the necessary modifications of the Mobility Carts to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Sneaking Up on 100k!

As the pandemic lessened, three affiliates recently hit major production milestones inching us closer to building Mobility Cart #100,000.



Team Penney Farms builds cart #12,000.



Team Stow, OH made cart #2,000 in April.



Team Minnesota-Twin Cities recently built Mobility Cart #1,550.



The Burma Children's Medical Fund ensures proper training.

Top Award for Mobility Worldwide

Despite 2020/21 being a challenging time for most charities, Mobility Worldwide received GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency; its highest rating.

The designation indicates that Mobility Worldwide exceeds nonprofit industry standards in its financial transparency, planning and management. This exceptional designation sets us apart and demonstrates our trustworthiness to the public.



Haitian Upgrade



12-year-old Claude gets an upgrade.

Recently, a young Haitian man received a nice upgrade from the youth sized Mobility Cart he had been using for years. When Claudineau turned 12, his mother got him in front of the Many Hands for Haiti team in Haiti to ask for a new adult sized Mobility Cart.

Claude can't walk but he displayed the strength he gained in his arms as he used his cart to get to school. His Mobility Cart is ideal for the rough and rugged Haitian roadways which have damaged standard wheelchairs.

Family Business Saved

A Mobility Cart can be just what is needed to keep a family intact. That's the case for Joseph and his family who live in Sierra Leone. Joseph provides care and support for his children, grandchildren and his mother all in one household.

Joseph was diagnosed with polio as a child and requires help to move about. That's a challenge for him as he meets with customers of his tailoring business.

Africa Surgery, a nonprofit agency that partners with Mobility Worldwide, recently delivered a new Mobility Cart and a sewing machine to Joseph providing a boost to his business.

Joseph says he sleeps better at night knowing he earns enough money to keep his children in school. Mobility Carts provide mobility and more.



Joseph's mother, the matriarch of the family, is proud of her son's strong work ethic.



Joseph needs his Mobility Cart to deliver orders.



Joseph operates a successful tailoring business in Sierra Leone.

Volunteer Focus

Kirby and Christine Goering have been leading the Mobility-Kansas Affiliate in Moundridge, KS since 2004.

The retired farmers build Mobility Carts and produce another style of wheelchair for Beeline Wheelchairs of Guatemala.



The Goerings.



Since 2004, many Guatemalans, like Julio have been blessed with a Mobility Cart made by the Goerings.

The Goerings returned from a trip to Guatemala in May of 2021 where they distributed 50 Mobility Carts and several tractor units that attach to the Beeline wheelchair. Through the years, they have participated in 15 cart distributions in Guatemala and Honduras.

In addition to leading the Kansas Affiliate, Kirby is also an active member of Mobility Worldwide's Design and Standardization Committee.



Chris and Kirby distributed 50 Mobility Carts to Guatemalans.



Vision:

End immobility in the world

Mission:

Mobility Worldwide seeks to reflect the love of God by bringing mobility & dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.

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EVENT CALENDAR September 20-24, 2021



**2021 Mobility Worldwide
Conference (September 20-22)**

**2021 International Conference
for Mobility Device Provision &
Distribution (September 22-24)**

**Calling all humanitarian
aid workers and
volunteers!**

**Both conferences to take place at:
The Courtyard by Marriott
3301 Lemone Industrial Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65201**

**Group lodging rate of \$109.
Register for lodging at both
conferences at
www.IMDPD.org**

MONDAY 9/20	TUESDAY 9/21	WEDNESDAY 9/22	THURSDAY 9/23	FRIDAY 9/24
		8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Presentations & Workshops		8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Presentations & Workshops
	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Presentations & Workshops	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch & Tour	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Presentations & Workshops	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch & Tour
1:00 - 4:00 PM Display Set-Up		3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Innovator's Workshop		
5:00 - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner & Entertainment	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner & Entertainment	

Visit the mobility device showroom!