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MOBILITY WORLDWIDE ESTABLISHES SW MINNESOTA AFFILIATE

Mobility Worldwide, an international humanitarian Christian charity that builds specialized wheelchair-carts for those living in the developing world, has established an affiliate in Southwest Minnesota. The manufacturing operation was formally approved after local volunteers underwent the required manufacturing training, followed by an inspection of the team's first locally built cart.

The Southwest MN team is in Mt. Lake and led by Bill Janzen. The shop is staffed entirely by volunteers who began building Mobility Cart frames for another affiliate. Mt. Lake volunteers will now build Mobility Carts for distribution partners in the developing world where they are given free of charge to those who are unable to walk due to injuries from land mines, disease, or birth defects.



Janzen serves as the director of the Southwestern MN Affiliate and will now lead the effort to recruit volunteers and raise money to help offset production costs.

SW, MN Leadership Team (L to R): Wendy Fast, Gordon Krause, Galen Kauffman, Bill Janzen (seated), and Arnold Harder.

"We are very happy to have received the designation of being an official Mobility Worldwide Affiliate. Our team has worked very hard to become proficient at making the chassis or frames for the wooden carts. We have seen how the carts change the lives of people who are unable to walk and live in remote communities throughout the development world. Mobility Carts have a way of giving the gift of mobility to a person while also providing dignity and self-confidence," Janzen stated. "Now we must work to increase the size of our group of volunteers. We need people who are interested in working with metal and wood to manufacture more mobility carts."

"We continue on our aggressive path to expand our international network of Mobility Worldwide affiliates and we are thankful for the efforts of the team in Mt. Lake," stated Scott Walters, Mobility Worldwide Executive Director. "We look forward to the production of more carts to help those in need throughout Africa, South America, Asia, the Caribbean and elsewhere," he said.

ABOUT MOBILITY WORLDWIDE:

Mobility Worldwide first began as the P.E.T. Mobility Project in 1994. Nearly 100,000 Mobility Carts have been distributed to 104 countries since its founding. Carts are built at one of 20+ production facilities located throughout the US and Africa. Carts are donated to distribution partners who handle the shipping, importation and assessment of beneficiaries and then given away to those in need. Mobility Worldwide (an initiative of PET International, Inc.) is a tax-exempt 501 (C) (3) charity with a mission to **reflect the love of God by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.**