

Mobility Worldwide, MN—Twin Cities

Making a Difference

Providing the Gift of Mobility



Meet Charlie and Sandy Hinders, whose volunteering and philanthropy are helping Mobility Worldwide to provide the gift of mobility.

Charlie and Sandy have lived in La Crescent, MN since the 1960s. In the early

years, Charlie worked as a mechanic installing modular homes and Sandy was a nurse. In the 1970s Charlie purchased his first computer and began creating programs on it including one that helped telephone companies with their switches. He built his own company to work with telephone companies around the world and, as he traveled, he saw the challenges that many people in underdeveloped countries faced. At the same time, Sandy was asked by her hospital to set up a hospice unit; one of the very first. It became her life's work.

In 2011, Charlie and Sandy first learned about Mobility Worldwide, then known as PET through their United Methodist Church in La Crescent and were immediately committed to its mission. Initially

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Contributions - Fourth Quarter 2023

62 Contributions Totaling \$60,221

28 first time contributors

24 consecutive contributors

10 recaptured contributors

Peterson match of \$20,000

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WISH LIST

Here is a list of tools that we would to have donated to MWM:

- **Makita Cordless Drills with spare battery packs and chargers**

We could use quite a few of these items, especially the battery packs.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Ken Mallak.

kmallak@aol.com or 612-810-1843.

MWWMNTC is looking for a
new home!

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE, MN—TWIN CITIES is looking for a new home.

Mobility is always looking for a ways to reduce costs to produce carts. COVID has created many vacancies in some buildings. We are looking for a building owner with vacancy who is willing to donate space for the factory or to rent at reduce rates. The factory needs about 1500 square feet and the storage for the finished carts could be from 1200—2000 square feet. If you know of an owner who is interested in helping MWM with space, contact Ken Mallak at 612-810-1843 or kmallak@aol.com.

APPEAL

The Mobility Worldwide Minnesota – Twin Cities Board seeks opportunities to tell the Mobility Worldwide story of providing the gift of mobility. If your church or service group has such opportunities, please let Laura Herman know by text or email to 763-742-5960 or lololo411@hotmail.com . We love to tell the story of how together, we can lift people off the ground.

Donating from an IRA to a Charity

IRA distributions are taxed at the highest rate on an individual's tax return! Thus, finding ways to reduce that tax is important for all taxpayers, especially those who are charitably minded. The law allows individuals who are 70 ½ years of age or older to donate up to \$100,000 per year from their IRAs to charities.

That means an individual can transfer to a charity from their IRA and not have to report it as income or pay any tax on the transfer. The individual is transferring their tax obligation to the charity and because the charity does not pay income tax, it is as if the tax has been forgiven and the charity receives the full benefit of the donated IRA funds.

This is particularly important to taxpayers now that the standard deduction has increased significantly. For 2024 the standard deduction for a single taxpayer or married individuals filing separately is \$14,600. For married couples the amount of the standard deduction for 2024 is \$29,200. That means that many taxpayers over 70 ½ will receive no tax deduction for their gifts to charities if their charitable gifts and other tax deductions are not greater than the amounts listed above.

Taxpayers over 70 ½ must plan for when they are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA (in 2024 age 73, if age 72 in 2023). If a taxpayer normally takes their minimum distribution and then donates to a charity, they must report the income and they will receive no tax deduction if their total tax deductions do not exceed their standard deduction as shown above. For example: an individual has \$50,000 of income from pensions, investments, and social security, plus their minimum distribution from their IRA of \$10,000; and their other tax deductions are \$4,600 plus a \$10,000 donation to a charity. If the individual takes the minimum distribution of \$10,000 and then donates \$10,000 to charity, their federal tax is about \$4,830 (using 2023 rates). If instead the individual transfers their minimum distribution directly to a charity, their federal tax would be about \$3,500. The reason for the difference is that the individual does not need to report the \$10,000 they transferred to the charity as income. Thus, they are about \$1,330 better off because of these tax savings. Making the donation to a charity in this way also reduces the portion of an individual's Social Security that is taxed.

While this example is good for a taxpayer with an income of about \$50,000, the benefit grows for those with higher incomes. Check with your tax preparer to see if this might be a better way for you to donate to a charity. If you have questions about making a charitable gift to MWM – Twin Cities, contact Bill Oberreit at bill@oberreit.com.

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How has Mobility Worldwide touched you?

Was it a moving video, a great story from a distribution? Was it working in our shop and creating these gifts of mobility?

We would love to hear your story, your connection, to this mission.

Email or text Laura Herman a few brief sentences, or paragraphs, to lolojo411@hotmail.com OR 763-742-5960. We would love to share your stories to show others how we can all help lift people off the ground.

Charlie and Sandy Hinders — continued

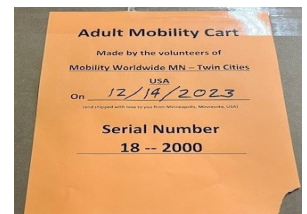
Charlie and others in the church wanted to set up their own affiliate and he built a workshop for it. However, in 2014 Charlie drove to the Twin Cities to meet Jim Conn and visit the Mobility Worldwide MN – Twin Cities (MWM) Shop. He took a sample cart back to La Crescent hoping to begin building them. Charlie quickly determined that a more helpful strategy would be to use his shop to cut all the wooden parts that go into the cart and, with the help of two welder friends, produce the steel frames. Since then, Charlie and Sandy have regularly made the trip to the Twin Cities with the cut lumber and the frames for 50 carts at a time.

While Charlie built the cart components, Sandy used her organizational talents and her presentation skills to raise the funds needed to support their efforts. Sandy sought opportunities to tell the Mobility Worldwide story at Lions Clubs and churches in their area with much success. Together, Sandy and Charlie were instrumental in getting MWM – Twin Cities designated as a charity for the Lions Parade of Green. They also encourage friends who are Thrivent members to seek Thrivent grants to support their efforts.

In retirement Charlie and Sandy have had the opportunity to travel to Africa and Central America and have seen firsthand how many people need the gift of mobility. They describe those experiences as “heart wrenching”. They “want to make their time count” and they hope their story will encourage others to help however they are able.

Celebrating Cart 2000!

On December 14th, the volunteers joyfully packed up cart number 2000!





Our carts that shipped in August to Honduras. Oh the smiles! Thanks to our partners for distributing them!

232 Carts Shipped in 2023

Each shipment of carts is the culmination of many hours of work by the MWM – Twin Cities Shop volunteers and the contributions of many MWM – Twin Cities supporters. In 2023 there were four shipments/occasions for celebration:

May 9th – 1 Mobility Cart to Dr. Mark J. Snell, a disabled medical missionary to Cameroon.

August 10th – 14 Mobility Carts to the non-profit group “El Ayudante in Honduras” for distribution in Honduras and Central America.

August 31st – 175 Mobility Carts to the non-profit group, “Americares”, headquartered in Stamford, CT. Americares forwarded the carts to various areas of the world for local distribution to those in need.

November 29th – 42 Mobility Carts to Global Health Ministries (Fridley) for distribution in Tanzania.

The entire Shop team is always extremely pleased to witness Mobility Carts being shipped out. They say: “We never like to have carts ‘sitting around’ in our warehouse. We would much rather have them in the hands of those who need the carts.

Mobility Worldwide Minnesota – Twin Cities’ goal for 2024 is to build and ship 275 Mobility Carts.

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