



2024 goal met!
150 carts built

Notes from the shop

This year, we set a goal of building 150 carts, and we're pleased to share that we achieved our goal in December! See inside for more on a shipment currently on its way to Uganda. In 2025 our goal is to build another 150 carts.



We are thankful for the faithful volunteers who show up each week to work in the shop! Recently volunteers and their spouses gathered at the shop for a volunteer appreciation supper. Volunteers, guests and spouses all enjoyed getting to know each other and seeing the shop. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering and what all goes into building a cart, the shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 -11:30. All are welcome to stop by!



We are also thankful for our donors and supporters who helped make it possible to produce 150 carts this year! Without your support we would not be able to change the lives of people in developing countries. Recently, we received a generous donation from United Prairie Insurance as well as a grant from the Mountain Lake Area Foundation. More inside!



Mobility
 Worldwide®

Empowering People

Our mission

Provide **hand-driven carts** at no cost to people in developing countries who do not have use of their legs and to provide **volunteer opportunities** for our local community.

Get in touch

Visit

Mobility Worldwide, MN SW
 401 3rd Avenue
 Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Write

info@mobilitymns.org

Call

Bill Janzen at 507-822-2127

Learn more

www.mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/minnesota-southwest



Scan this QR code to learn more about Mt. Lake volunteers and how to donate.

Community Support



This dust collection system will help keep sawdust out of the air in the shop.



The Minnesota Southwest shop was awarded a grant from the Mountain Lake Area Foundation recently. The grant was used to purchase and install an air compressor and dust collection system. These are both vital pieces of equipment for keeping sawdust from tools to a minimum and helping to keep the shop environment cleaner. Thank you!

About the Mountain Lake Area Foundation: The mission of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation is to promote charitable giving and facilitate the economic and social growth of the community. *Learn more at: mtlakefoundation.com.*

Donor Spotlight



We received a donation of \$1,000 from **United Prairie Insurance** this summer to help fund our project. Thank you!



Tim Herron, Bill Janzen, Gordon Krause, Merlin Stoesz, Curt Penner

About United Prairie Insurance: United Prairie Insurance’s mission is to assist companies and people with protecting and maximizing assets, resources, and opportunities. *Learn more at unitedprairieinsurance.com.*

From Mountain Lake to Uganda

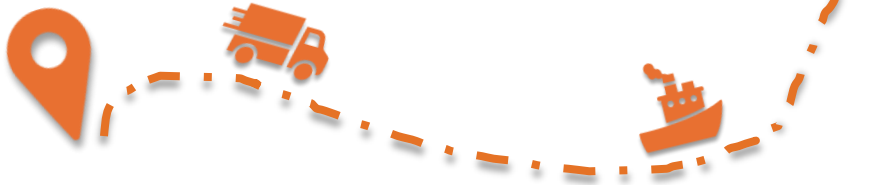
121 of our shop's carts are traveling 7,800 miles to Africa!

This October, we partnered with the **Twin Cities Mobility Worldwide affiliate** and nonprofit **Pathways to Hope Africa** to send a shipment of 211 carts to Uganda.

It will take about 60 days for the shipment to travel to Uganda and the carts are scheduled to be distributed the end of December. This means that 211 Ugandans will receive a cart and regain their mobility and independence!



Getting ready to ship. Carts are shipped disassembled for easier transportation. Above, volunteers load a truck with the disassembled carts. Once they arrive in Uganda, they are reassembled and distributed by local organizations.



Remembering Junior Stoesz

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of D. Junior Stoesz, who regularly volunteered at the shop. Junior came on board at the beginning and used his invention skills to help in the fabrication of fixtures that we use to cut and drill our metal parts with precision.

His passion for mobility was driven by his experience as a young man of working and living in Haiti. He saw first hand how these carts could be used to make the lives of disabled people better.

He will be greatly missed in the Mt. Lake shop and our broader community.

Junior Stoesz brought his ingenuity and life-long desire to help people to the Mt. Lake shop.

I want to support Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest!

Help us reach our 2025 goal of building 150 carts!

I want to...

- Sponsor materials and supplies (\$25)
- Sponsor shipping costs for one cart (\$50)
- Sponsor a quarter of a cart (\$100)
- Sponsor half a cart (\$200)
- Sponsor a full cart (\$400)
- Give a different amount \$ _____
- Volunteer (fill out your contact info, and we'll reach out!)
- Receive future updates and newsletters

Fill out and send to:

Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest
 c/o Bill Janzen
 39869 County Rd 1
 Mt. Lake, MN 56159

Make checks out to *Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest*

Donate online

Scan this QR code to donate online!



Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Get involved

It takes a lot of parts, time and people to make mobility carts! Here are a few open roles:

- Welders
- Inventory tracking
- Bookkeeping and administrative duties
- Fund raising and publicity

Stop by & see what's going on

We're open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 11:30.

If you are interested in volunteering check with Arnold Harder, Gordon Krause or Bill Janzen.