

# Mobility Worldwide, MN—Twin Cities

## Making a Difference

## Providing the Gift of Mobility



What a joy to interview Darryl Dille, a quintessential shop volunteer and a Tuesday and Thursday regular since 2016. He can perform all the cart-building tasks and enjoys “everything but painting.” Not only did he figure out how to make the crank reversible, but also has created fixtures for crafting cart parts and can and does repair most of the electrical tools. Having

studied drafting and earning degrees in architectural drafting, in construction and structural engineering, Darryl has used a computer program to calculate how many carts will fit in a shipping container. Always mindful of costs, he figured out how to pack the unassembled carts in smaller boxes and fits 38 more into a container. He told me “We see a need – and we find a way to do it.”

Born in Tacoma, WA, he graduated from Brainerd high school. Drafted on his 21st birthday, he served in the Army for two years and then worked until retirement in 1999. He met his wife, Carol, when working on a lock and dam contract in Arkansas. They married a year later and have two daughters, Laura, and Deborah.

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### Contributions - 1st & 2nd Quarter 2024

33 Contributions Totaling  
\$25,046.00

3 first time contributors

27 retained contributors

1 recaptured contributors

Thank You, one and all!

## **A Welding Booth Will Be An Important Addition to the Shop – Please Help**

A missing part, large or small, can bring production at the Shop to a halt! So, Ken Mallak, Lead Shop Supervisor and Board member, is always looking for ways to make the Shop more self-sufficient. In the recent past, with help of other Shop volunteers, he brought both the painting of wood and metal parts into the Shop. Creating a paint booth for painting metal was a major undertaking. First there was education, then the building's management needed to give their okay and funds needed to be raised. Equipment and booth materials were then purchased, the booth was constructed by Shop volunteers and a safe and efficient process was developed. Finally, the Shop was able to apply the much-needed protective coating to all the metal parts that go into each cart.

From the very beginning, all the welding of the many metal parts that go into a cart has been done off-site by volunteer welders who have the space and equipment to do it safely. This has meant that Shop volunteers have had to haul steel to the welder, who may live in Gaylord or La Crescent, and often return for the finished parts. More importantly the volunteer welders are not always available to do the welding when it is needed for a critical piece of the cart. Ken wants to make sure this doesn't happen going forward and wants to add a welding booth to the Shop. He has already had several volunteers, who know how to weld, say they are willing to do the welding, if they could do it at the Shop.

All the steps needed to build the welding booth outlined above will need to be completed. Ken has already consulted with a welding expert to create a plan that includes the set-up, the equipment, the booth and welding table, the ventilation and the training needed. The estimated cost is \$7,000 to \$8,000 with Shop volunteers constructing the booth and installing the equipment. Now we need the funds, and you can help. Designated contributions will be used to achieve this important objective.

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 reduced 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](mailto:kmallak@aol.com).

**THANK YOU!**

## Gift Annuity: the gift the gives back!

Many people have money in a bank that does not pay a very high interest rate. Often people who buy bank certificates of deposit do not plan to use any of that money during their lifetime, but just to live off the interest. If such individuals also support charities, a gift annuity might be a better place to put their money.

Gift annuities pay interest from 6 to 10% interest depending upon the age of the donor. The donor will also receive a partial tax deduction when the gift annuity is funded. If at some later date the donor no longer needs the income from the annuity, the donor can give the income interest in the gift annuity for another tax deduction. The cash value of the gift annuity can then be used by the charity to fund its mission.

For donors to Mobility Worldwide MN – Twin Cities, the cash value can then be used to build carts. Gift annuities can be purchased through the Minneapolis St. Paul Foundation or through many other organizations including companies like Vanguard and Fidelity. If you want to purchase a gift annuity to support Mobility Worldwide, please contact our Treasurer Bill Oberreit.  
Oberreit@comcast.net

### Have you heard about VANCO?

We are excited to announce that MWW MN-Twin Cities has teamed up with Vanco to make giving easy and available on the technology that you use. No tech expert needed. No stressful software. You just download the app from the app store, create your account, add Mobility Worldwide MN-Twin Cities as your organization to donate to, and set up a one time donation or recurring monthly donations. A one time donation of \$400.00 is the cost of one mobility cart or you can choose a monthly donation of \$33.33/month for 12 months. Either way, it is an easy way to partner with us and make a difference in our world.

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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](mailto: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.

## Darryl Dille — continued

Darryl learned about Mobility Worldwide through a presentation at his church in Rosemount, The Well, but did not start volunteering until after taking care of his wife until her death. Like others, he enjoys the camaraderie at the shop.

Not surprisingly, Darryl made a generous stock gift to MW last year and is impressed with how much the other volunteers contribute; constantly supporting by donating paint, drill bits, and other shop supplies. Darryl is active in his church and community. Cooking and serving Wednesday night meals at his church and singing in the choir and the Velvettones keeps him happy busy.

THANK YOU, DARRYL, FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!



and

### WISH LIST

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

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

We could use quite a few of these items, especially the battery packs. (One drill died this past month!)

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Ken Mallak. [kmallak@aol.com](mailto:kmallak@aol.com) or **612-810-1843**.

## Mobility Worldwide - MN – TC Carts to Uganda (24) and South Sudan (50)

Last fall at a meeting of non-profits, Tabitha Kyambadde, one of the co-founders of Pathways to Hope Africa, connected with Wayne Baere, Director of Global Logistics for Mobility Worldwide. The initial result was a shipment on March 21, 2024, of 202 carts to Uganda Africa destined to restore dignity to those who have lost it because of poverty and circumstance.

The shipment was a team effort. Our MN-TC shop acted as a collection point / shipping point. We received 120 Full-sized carts from Leighton, IA, and 28 Pull-carts from Columbia, MO, and 30 Small-person carts from Columbia, MO. Our MN-TC shop supplied 24 Full-sized carts for a total of 202 carts. About 20 volunteers gathered to help load the shipping container. With this great help, the container was loaded in just one hour and ten minutes!



In July the container arrived in Uganda and 170 carts were distributed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August in one day to people in the community of Soroti who needed mobility due in large part to birth defects caused by iodine deficiencies. [See videos on our Facebook page or our website] The other 32 carts were distributed in another part of Uganda (Mukono). Tabitha Kyambadde shared that one of the recipients was a child whose mother had been carrying him on her back 1 ½ miles to school and who was growing too heavy for her to continue to make sure he received an education. The cart they received transformed both of their lives. On July 23, MW – MN – TC provided Pathways to Hope Africa with 50 more carts that will be distributed soon in neighboring country of South Sudan.

Pathways to Hope Africa has a goal of distributing 1,000 carts before the end of 2024. You can help Mobility Worldwide – MN – Twin Cities be a part of this life changing effort.



(a variety of cart styles in this distribution— large, small and pull styles)

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