

Fall Newsletter 2024



MOBILITY WORLDWIDE OPEN HOUSE INVITATION!!

**Come to an Open House Celebration!
7,000 + Reasons to Thank the Lord and to Thank YOU!**

- C – Celebrate the 7,000th Mobility Worldwide Cart to Transform a Child's Life!**
- A – Acknowledge and Personally Thank Financial Donors & Selfless Volunteers!**
- R – Rally Together to Renew the Mission of Mobility for Boys & Girls who don't have the use of their legs!**
- T – Tour the Shop to Gain a Better Perspective of the Production Process!**

*Join the Joy on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10am – 12pm
414 E. 40th Street – Suite 3, Holland, MI 49423*

*Open House Reception with Light Refreshments – Coffee, Cider, Cookies and Doughnuts
Chance for the Kids to Ride the Carts Outside – Weather Permitting
Come and Go as You Must*



Tulip Time Parade:

Mobility Worldwide West Michigan participated in the Tulip Time Parade in Holland Michigan. Volunteers from the community rode carts produced at our facility, getting the word out to the crowd at Tulip Time.

This parade is attended by thousands of people from all over the world. What a great way to inform them of what a worthy cause this is.

Mobility Worldwide West Michigan is able to help children who don't have use of their legs in impoverished areas throughout the world. It's only through generous donations that we can continue to change the lives of these kids.

For all of you who have given your time and/or donations to help further this cause, WE THANK YOU!



Project Good Samaritan ID

We would like to update and / or verify your contact information to improve our communication.

At your earliest convenience, we would appreciate the information requested in the form below in one of the following ways:

1. Mail it to: Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan: Attention Good Samaritan ID
414 E. 40th Street, Suite 3
Holland, MI 49423
2. Text the information to Joe Bird, Board Member at (616) 610-3442
3. Call the Mobility Worldwide West Michigan Office and leave a voicemail. Phone# (616) 396-2031.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____; Current Email Address: _____

Thank you for your commitment to good communication, and for transforming the lives of these kids without the use of their legs around the globe!

Happy Birthday! Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas!

Honor a Special Person this Year with a “Memory” or “Living Tribute”

The Calendar is full of special dates and occasions: Birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother’s and Father’s Days, Memorial Day, Graduations, Job Promotions, and more!

Give the Precious Gift of Mobility “In Honor” or “In Memory” of a legend in your life! Fund a Mobility Cart for a Child without the use of their legs and transform their life – Forever! When you fund a complete cart (\$400), Mobility Worldwide will attach a Plaque to the cart in Honor or Memory of your person of influence. (Living or passed on)

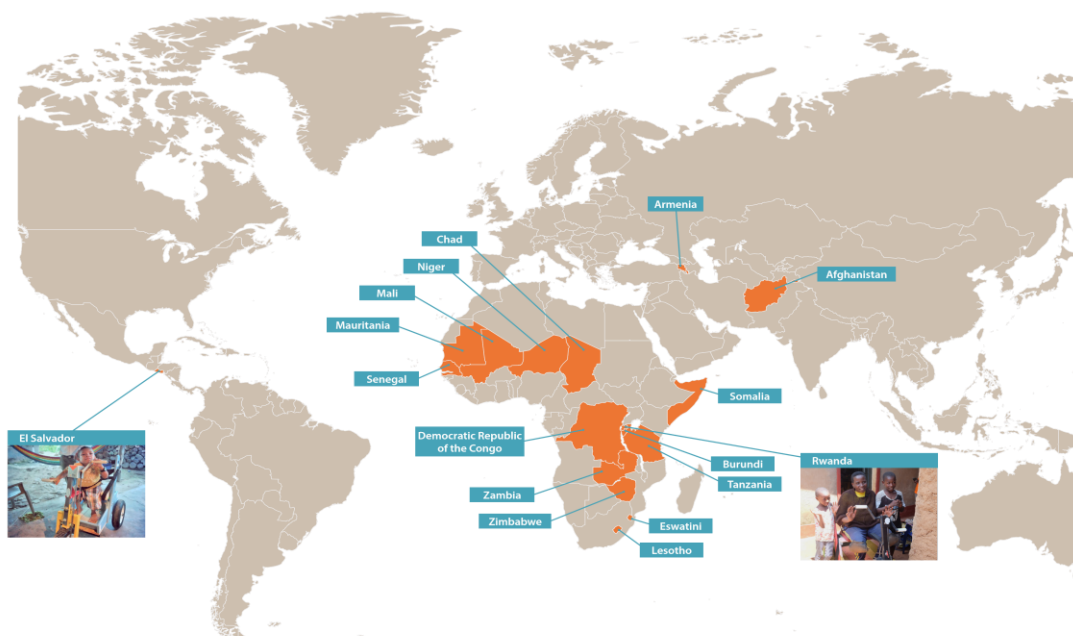
A Mobility Cart lasts for years and affects the child’s life as well as their family’s life for generations. It is so much more than just a vehicle for transportation. A cart frees a child from home isolation and a future of begging for a living. It grants some normalcy in life: the opportunity to leave the house, attend school and worship, socialize, make friends, and learn a job.

You are the compassionate power behind the life-changing cart! Every Gift Matters. Give a generous \$400 contribution to produce one cart. Or – pool resources from family members and friends to produce one cart. Donate \$200 to cover the cost of half a cart. Join eight \$50 donors to build a cart to bless a child in need.

Give the Precious Gift of Mobility and Honor someone with a “Living Tribute”. It will be a gift they appreciate and remember for the rest of their lives.



WORKING TOGETHER TO EMPOWER PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD



COUNTRIES SERVED (PALLETES)

- Africa
 - » Burundi - 9
 - » Chad - 2
 - » Democratic Republic of the Congo - 6
 - » Eswatini - 29
 - » Lesotho - 10
 - » Mali - 5
 - » Mauritania - 18
 - » Niger - 2
 - » Rwanda - 41
 - » Senegal - 7
 - » Somalia - 17
 - » Tanzania - 3
 - » Zambia - 31
 - » Zimbabwe - 30
- Central America
 - » El Salvador - 49
- Europe/Asia
 - » Afghanistan - 2
 - » Armenia - 3
- International Partners
 - » 29 pallets



RWANDA: Athanase Bakundukize, 90, is able to go outside and be active thanks to his new Mobility Cart.

From October 2020 - March 2024, World Vision distributed 293 pallets of Mobility Carts in 17 countries. Thanks to our incredible partnership with Mobility Worldwide, together we are making life more accessible to those who need it most.

Thank you, Mobility Worldwide, for your generosity and vision of ending immobility around the globe!



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GREETINGS FRIENDS AND MISSION PARTNERS,

As a non-profit mission organization, we are having a productive 2024. We are on target to produce our goal of over 700 mobility carts this year. We have also reached another milestone in producing our 7,000 th cart earlier this summer. We are planning to have a public celebration of this milestone this fall with more details to follow in this newsletter.

Personally, I would like to pay tribute to the many caregivers of our cart recipients who have so selflessly supported a handicapped loved one. The time and energy they expend in caring for their handicapped family member is beyond commendable. We typically focus most of our attention on the young child who is fortunate enough to receive one of our unique mobility carts. Often the impact our carts have on their caregivers is equally a huge blessing to them in time and energy.

I came to this realization through a recent experience in my life when my wife was involved in a serious auto accident requiring multiple surgeries and an extended hospital stay. Once she was able to return home, confined to a wheelchair for mobility, I came to the realization of just how much time it took to provide care to a handicapped loved one. I immediately learned that I needed to shed my busy schedule of outside activities and focus primarily on caring for my wife for whom, by the grace of God, I was grateful to be able to do. It is at this point that I came to the realization that there are millions of people around the world in a similar situation to mine. For those who live in third world countries who don't have the benefits afforded to us, but who provide care for a handicapped child or loved one, they are making sacrifices many times more than what I experienced. So, by doing our mission, not only are we providing a significant benefit to these handicapped children through improved self-esteem, a form of mobility independence, and access to a better education, but are equally benefitting their caregivers by freeing up time and energy.

At the end of June, we had to say farewell to one of our hard-working and talented board members and treasurer Ken Rizzio who had taken on a job with a for-profit company which demanded more of his time. We are saddened to see Ken leave and wish him the very best on his new journey. In Ken's vacancy, we are blessed to quickly find a new board member and treasurer Timothy DuMez. We welcome Tim and look forward to working with him in the months ahead as he works with our staff in assuming the responsibilities of treasurer.

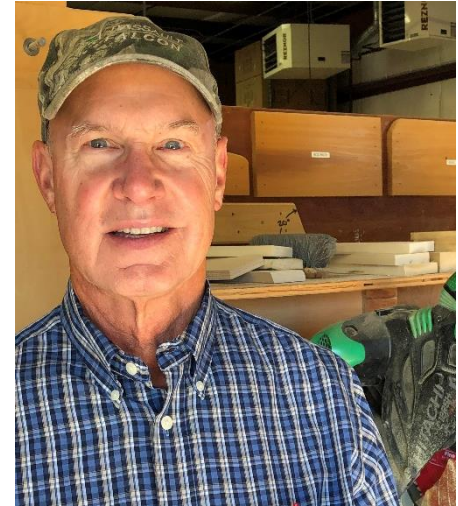
We again would like to thank all of you who have been faithful supporters of our mission, for whom we are most grateful. It is only through your support of finances, products and time that we are able to fulfill our mission of providing mobility to so many young lives around the world.

Sincerely,



Bruce Wickmann

President



Board of Directors:



**Bruce
Wickmann**



**Joel
Wolfe, MD**

Picture
to
come
soon.

**Timothy
DuMez**



**Jo
Bird**



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Dykema, MD**



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Hoffmann**



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Mutschler**