



Featured Vendor – Mansco, Inc.

We had the pleasure of meeting with Kirk Orr from Mansco.

Mansco was started in a small building just a short distance from where the current location is by the owner Jim Mol. He was very dedicated and built his business over the years. About 14 years ago, they moved to their current location and are now residing in a building that is over 100,000 square feet!

In 2017, Mansco joined with Fastenal, Inc. and enjoys that relationship to this day. Their Quality Policy is “Growth through Customer Service”. And they live up to it!

Kirk Orr describes Mansco as a company that has a positive atmosphere, with team members that have a great attitude. In his words, “they are kind and professional”. This is Kirk’s favorite part of working at Mansco.



Many years ago, Jim Mol heard about Mobility Worldwide and the good work we are doing with kids throughout the world. With a very generous heart, he offered to provide the fasteners of our carts at no cost to us. *It's partners like Mansco that allow us to focus on putting our money into building carts for kids in need, while spending less on our overhead.* WE THANK YOU!

Mobility Worldwide

West Michigan



Meet One of Our Distribution Partners: **World Vision**

Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan produces and ships our small carts to various distribution partners around the globe. These partners are responsible for meeting and unloading the carts abroad. They manage the selection process for recipients and deliver and fit the carts to the individuals in need.

In March of 2024, 110 small carts were shipped to one partner focused on improving and transforming the lives of children, their families and communities, World Vision. What follows is a brief glimpse into the mission of World Vision.

World Vision was started when its founder Bob Pierce gave the last \$5 in his pocket to an orphanage for the care of an abandoned Chinese girl. That ministry expanded to help needy children in challenging environments. World Vision is a global leader that aims to help children, families and communities overcome poverty and injustice without regard to religion, race, ethnicity and gender. In their own words, their strategy is that “Every child deserves a life rich in meaning and purpose.” Opening possibilities for vulnerable leg handicapped children to experience a full life has led to partnership with MWWM for the gift of Mobility. Certainly, the Gift of Mobility is a step towards life itself!



Share Joy this Holiday Season: Give the Gift of Mobility to a Child

What is the best gift that YOU could give this holiday season?

“Neary six in ten Americans say they would rather receive a donation to charity on their behalf instead of a gift to themselves” according to Fidelity Charitable. Give the precious Gift of Mobility to a child. At Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan our Mission Statement is “To provide, without cost, mobility, dignity, self-respect and self-esteem to children who do not have the use of their legs.”

Through the power of Your donations, the lives of handicapped children and the lives of their families are transformed for generations. **YOU** are the generous power that allows us to produce and ship rugged self-propelled Mobility Carts abroad. Every gift goes to the production and shipping costs of carts that offer more than just transportation over rugged terrain. Our carts offer life itself to boys and girls hoping to attend school, learn a trade, work, make friends and attend church.

Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan invites YOU to share joy and work wonder for needy children desperate for Hope. Would you consider contributing today of \$25, \$50 or \$100 toward the cost of one cart? Would you prefer pledging a monthly contribution of \$10, \$19, \$25 or whatever fits your budget? Give “In Honor” or “In Memory” of someone special in your life (or the lives of your family or friends). Fund a complete cart (\$400), and we will attach a plaque to the cart with the name of the person honored, at your request.

Our Mobility Carts last for years and serve as Living Tributes to your generosity. Thank you for considering the Gift of Mobility this holiday season. Please donate by placing a check in the enclosed envelopes or by credit card online at our website Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan. The website address is info@MobilityWorldwideWM.org.



PATHWAYS TO HOPE AFRICA

Mobility Worldwide is working with Pathways to Hope Africa, in providing 275 child carts going to Uganda. These carts will be leaving Mobility Worldwide West Michigan on December 2, 2024. What a wonderful time of year for these kids to receive this gift of Mobility in their lives. We are delighted to be working with this organization to help in this way. We reached out to Tabitha Kyambade and she shared the following information regarding the Pathways to Hope Africa organization:

Pathways to Hope Africa was founded out of a deep commitment to break cycles of generational poverty and restore dignity across East and Central Africa. Inspired by my experiences witnessing both the challenges and the immense potential of African communities striving for better education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, I recognized the need for sustainable, community-driven solutions that empower individuals and build resilient communities. While there are incredible untapped resources within these communities, many grassroots organizations lack the support, training, and infrastructure needed to make a long-lasting impact. By establishing Pathways to Hope Africa, we aim to bridge these gaps through capacity-building, resource mobilization, and strategic partnerships, enabling sustainable and community-driven change.



Pathways to Hope Africa is dedicated to empowering communities through education by offering an extensive range of resources and tools that directly support effective learning. We provide essential teaching supplies, modern technology, and carefully curated curriculum resources that align with local educational standards, ensuring that both students and teachers have what they need to succeed. In addition to basic school supplies, we equip classrooms with digital tools, including tablets, computers, and, where available, internet access.

I first learned about Mobility Worldwide West Michigan and your mission to help children and small adults who lack the use of their legs at the Global Mission and Tech meeting. Hearing about your dedication to providing mobility solutions to those in need deeply resonated with me, especially considering the life-changing impact mobility can have on individuals and communities. It was inspiring to see the commitment and innovation that Mobility Worldwide West Michigan brings to this essential cause, and I felt drawn to support and collaborate in making a difference for those who benefit from these mobility solutions.



Mobility carts for children are designed to greatly enhance independence and quality of life for those without the use of their legs. They enable children to attend school by providing reliable transportation, breaking down barriers to education and promoting inclusivity. Beyond school, these carts facilitate active participation in community life, allowing children to engage in social events, visit family, and partake in cultural activities, which fosters personal development. At home, the carts support daily mobility, allowing children to move independently, contribute to household tasks, and lessen their reliance on caregivers. Additionally, improved mobility provides easier access to healthcare and essential services, contributing to their overall well-being. These versatile tools serve as transformative resources in education, social interaction, and independence, enriching various aspects of their daily lives.

Tabitha Kyambade,
Founder of Pathways to Hope Africa.





GREETINGS FRIENDS AND MISSION PARTNERS,

As 2024 comes to a close, I am happy to report that we have had a very productive and fulfilling year. We are on track to produce over 700 mobility carts for the year by the end of December. We have had a few challenges with getting components and supplies but have managed with the help of our very talented and resourceful team to find several new suppliers. We are constantly working to improve the quality of our carts through the wonderful talents and efforts of our team members, to make them more durable and easier to maintain by our users in many remote locations.

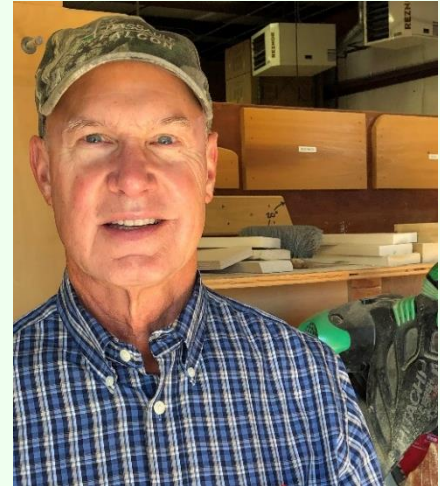
In June we produced our 7,000th cart since starting production in 2009. We celebrated this milestone by having an open house on Saturday, October 12th. We were blessed with good weather and many guests came to visit our new shop. We were visited by several of our suppliers, mission partners, and many donors and volunteers. It was a wonderful time to show how well our new shop has improved our productivity and efficiency.

Two of our board members, Dale Dykema and Joel Wolfe, were able to attend the annual Mobility International Conference in September and were able to form a partnership with a mission group from Minnesota, Pathways to Hope Africa, who provide medical supplies and a number of adult carts to many communities throughout Africa. They drove from Minneapolis to visit our shop open-house and were so impressed with our carts that they committed to paying the shipping cost for a full forty-foot container of 275 small carts to be shipped to Uganda. These carts are being loaded by our team of volunteers on December 2nd and should arrive sometime in early 2025.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of the faithful gifts we receive from our many donors throughout the year. This is the only way for us to fulfill our very important mission of providing mobility to children who are handicapped and living in countries that don't have the resources to provide for them. As Jo Bird, one of our board members, wrote: *"YOU are the generous power that allows us to produce and ship rugged self-propelled Mobility Carts abroad. Our carts offer life itself to boys and girls hoping to attend school, learn a trade, work, make friends and attend church."* Through your donations you give the everlasting gift of dignity, sense of purpose and self-esteem to so many children around the world. We could not fulfill our mission without you!

We wish all of you blessed holidays,
Sincerely,

Bruce Wickmann
President



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