



## The impact of mobility

After getting polio as an infant, Leah's (above) movement may have been limited, but not her spirit or determination.

Getting a Mobility Cart marked a new chapter in her life. She cried tears of joy when she saw her cart. Now she looks forward to escorting her children to school, visiting the market, and returning to church — activities she hasn't enjoyed in years.



## Notes from the shop

**We are proud to share that our 2025 goal of producing 168 carts was successfully reached in November.**

Looking ahead, our 2026 goal is to build 180 carts. Each cart offers the gift of mobility and helps transform lives in meaningful ways, like the Leah's story above. To achieve this, the Mt. Lake shop will be engaging with churches and community organizations to expand our donor base and strengthen support.

**Every cart we produce represents more than just transportation. It represents dignity, independence, and a brighter future for someone in need.**



### 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](http://www.mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/minnesota-southwest)



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

# Community Support

Thanks to a generous grant from **Apex Wind Farm**, we were able to repaint the exterior of our building, giving it a fresh new look. The community has shared many positive comments, and we're grateful to contribute to the ongoing improvement of our town.



**About Apex Clean Energy:** Through origination, development, construction and operation of utility-scale wind, solar, and storage facilities and distributed energy resources, Apex is expanding the renewable frontier across the United States. *Learn more at: [apexcleanenergy.com](http://apexcleanenergy.com).*

## Other community support

First Mennonite Church, Mt. Lake, MN

Bethel Mennonite Church, Mt. Lake, MN

St. John's Lutheran, Sherburn, MN

Word of Life Lutheran, Belleview, MN



*A fresh coat of pain thanks to Apex Clean Energy!*

# Volunteer Spotlight

In September, we gathered with our dedicated volunteers and their spouses for a picnic to celebrate our accomplishments. It was a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and honor the incredible group that makes our work possible.



**Thank you,  
volunteers!**



*Back L to R: Kirk Kratovil, Kathy Harder, Lauren Harder, Gary Vanderwerf, Curt Penner, Galen Kauffman*

*Middle L to R: Alvin Dick, Bill Fast, Grace Kratovil, Jody Vanderwerf, Darrel Dick, Bill Janzen, Art Carlson, Allen Schroeder, Grace Harder, Arnold Harder*

*Front L to R: Beverly Fast, Bev Carlson, Janice Schroeder, Gordon Krause, Betty Jean Kauffman*

*Very front: Margaret Dick*



# Made-in-Mt. Lake carts make their way to Uganda

We once again joined forces with the Twin Cities Mobility Shop to ship carts to Uganda through the nonprofit Pathways to Hope Africa. Together, we sent a full container of more than 200 carts. Our Mt. Lake shop contributed 105 carts.

We look forward to continuing this partnership with Pathways to Hope Africa to support future shipments.



Carts (1) are disassembled and boxed (2) then packaged into a pallet (3) before they're ready for shipment (4).

## Scenes from around the shop



Top left: Curt Penner cuts wood for the cart box.  
Center: Arnold Harder constructs a cart seat.  
Right: Volunteers pause to pose with a completed cart.



# I want to support Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest!

Help us reach our 2026 goal of building 180 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Get involved

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

- Welders
- 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 – 11:00.

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