

March 2024 - Newsletter

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Empowering People!

Volunteers on a Mission!

January 2024 brought us a fantastic visit from a great group of volunteers from the United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh, Texas. A group comprised of 16 members of this church, some of whom had come to volunteer in June 2023, came and helped our shop produce quite a few carts! They assembled chains and chain guards, they built cart boxes and cart seats, they upholstered, cut, drilled and sanded to their hearts content. After their previous visit in June, the volunteers went back and shared with the congregation how much they had enjoyed their experience, so twice as many members volunteered for the January mission!



The crank handle assembly takes place after the metal parts are painted. This station includes attaching the handlebars and gears.



These metal pieces are bent to form the chain guards, which will keep recipients of the carts safe from the moving parts.



An artist and her stencil get serious applying our logo. These boards go on the seatback and easily identify our carts.



After the metal pieces are cut to length, some are drilled. These holes are necessary for bolts to attach. Precision is necessary for proper assembly.



In the upholstery area the seat cushions and backs are covered with nautical grade vinyl and passed on to the seat building area.



The wood bottoms and backs are assembled in the seat building area. Then the upholstery is attached.

If your organization is looking to give back in a significant way, consider coming to Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley. Your group could come for the day or a mission that lasts a few days. You get to work for a great cause and visit local areas afterwards. We recommend contacting us and planning for a time of year when hotel rates are reasonable.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors!

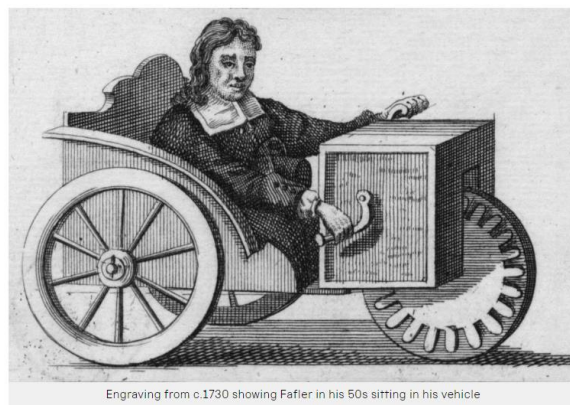


*Preaching Christ
Teaching Discipleship
Reaching Others*

Did you know?

The first self-propelled wheelchair was invented in 1655 by paraplegic clock-maker of Nuremberg, Germany Stephan Farffler (1633-1689), who built his own mobility aid when he was only 22 after breaking his back as a child. Using his mechanical expertise as a clock-maker, Farffler's wheelchair frame was based on a three-wheel chassis and worked by turning handles attached to a geared front wheel using a system of cranks and cogwheels.

Source: [History of the Wheelchair - Science Museum Blog](#)



Engraving from c.1730 showing Farffler in his 50s sitting in his vehicle

Special Recognitions January – March 2024

In memory of...

Dave Newcomb – from all Brazos Valley shop volunteers & MWBV board members

Bill McAfee – from Jim & Kay Smith

Hiram McGee – from Bonnie McGee

Jack Knight Ray – from Jim & Kay Smith

Robin "Wayne" Edwards – from Jim & Kay Smith

In honor of...

Roger Ferguson – from Carol Helm

Nick Turnham – from Robert & Betty Thomson

A special "Thank You" to...

The congregation of Paige Methodist Church in Paige, TX for their recent contribution that made possible the construction of two more carts! This brings their total sponsored carts to sixty-nine in all. We are so blessed to have their support for close to twenty years.

*Make your check payable to:
Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley*

Use the enclosed envelope and mail to:
506 E. 28th Street Bryan, TX 77803

Or donate online: mobilityworldwidebrazosvalley.org

We appreciate your contribution and support.

Connections

MWBV is connecting with the community!

Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley was very lucky to be chosen to work with 180 Degree Consulting, a club at Texas A&M University, that studies non-profit organizations and provides feedback to improve the operations, and help the organization meet its needs.

Through our partnership with 180 Degree Consulting we have connected with GENTS, another organization at Texas A&M University that will partner with us to make our mission possible. We are very blessed!

The latest shipment

In February our shop partnered with the Mobility Worldwide shops in the Austin/San Antonio area to send 100 of our carts, along with resin carts and carts from those shops. The container is headed to Cambodia and should arrive in late May or early June. We hope to receive pictures of the distribution soon!

What your money can do:

\$35 = 1 tire

\$50 = 1 front end

\$150 = 1 cart box & seat

\$450 = 1 cart shipped to a recipient

price\$\$\$\$ = the gift of mobility

