

Changing THE WORLD



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Care Givers The Impact of a Wheelchair



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A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



"The human connection is the most important connection."

Have you ever passed a stranger on the sidewalk who looked you in the eye and smiled at you? It tends to cheer you up and make you want to smile back.

The smile they give you is offered with no expectation of reward, but just a simple gesture of kindness that we give to one another. It is an effort to connect with someone, without the need for a conversation, explanation, or even words. It even transcends language and culture.

I have found that if I smile at a Masai tribesman in Tanzania, Africa, it means the same thing to him as it does to the factory worker I smile at in Kiev, Ukraine. And it means the same thing to the shop owner here in Danville, California, that it does to the little girl selling flowers in the streets of Mexico City.

I have said for years that "the only thing I'd like in return for giving someone a wheelchair is a smile." But even if I just get a half-smile, or a knowing glance, that moment of connection with the person getting a wheelchair means so much to me. I find that it is as important to connect with the recipients as it is to also look at those around them. It is important to "see" the families, and the communities, and the leaders of the countries as well.

In this issue of *Changing the World*, we take a look at just **what** a wheelchair does for a recipient and a family. I think you will find it amazing that just one gift, given with a smile, and received with a smile, can make so many people happy. After all, donating a wheelchair is a gift you give yourself that brings joy to many other people.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Behring ~ Founder & Chairman

Mission and Goals

Our Mission

The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Freedom.

Our Goal

Over the next five years, the Wheelchair Foundation aims to deliver one million wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to buy one, and to further the awareness that a wheelchair is no longer an unaffordable relief option for delivery to developing countries around the world.

Mobility

Since its establishment on June 13, 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation has witnessed hundreds of thousands of examples of how mobility creates independence and new possibilities for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family, or care for the children at home so the spouse can work. An elderly person can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in a bed. The joy and hope that a simple mobility device can deliver is what gives people a new outlook on life and hope for the future.

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WHEELCHAIRS COMMITTED OR DELIVERED

Afghanistan.....	7,150	Lebanon.....	2,430
Albania.....	550	Lesotho.....	1,060
Algeria.....	640	Liberia.....	780
Angola.....	4,590	Lithuania.....	1,090
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Macedonia.....	760
Argentina.....	8,151	Madagascar.....	1,030
Armenia.....	2,964	Malawi.....	3,530
Australia.....	292	Malaysia.....	3,940
Azerbaijan.....	280	Mali.....	520
Bahamas.....	1,680	Malta.....	240
Bangladesh.....	240	Marshall Islands.....	140
Barbados.....	560	Mexico.....	113,559
Belarus.....	990	Micronesia.....	1,390
Belgium.....	280	Moldova.....	1,720
Belize.....	2,520	Mongolia.....	1,320
Benin.....	280	Montenegro.....	120
Bolivia.....	4,904	Morocco.....	4,640
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	1,480	Mozambique.....	1,660
Botswana.....	1,688	Myanmar (Burma).....	500
Brazil.....	2,305	Namibia.....	466
Bulgaria.....	530	Nepal.....	3,165
Burundi.....	520	Nicaragua.....	5,775
Cambodia.....	3,300	Niger.....	240
Canada.....	560	Nigeria.....	1,310
Cape Verde.....	780	N. Mariana Islands.....	410
Central African Rep.....	240	Oman.....	280
Chile.....	8,848	Pakistan.....	3,175
China.....	244,434	Palestinians/Israel.....	1,906
Colombia.....	9,315	Panama.....	6,781
Congo, The Democratic		Papua New Guinea.....	2,080
Republic of the.....	205	Paraguay.....	2,344
Costa Rica.....	6,565	Peru.....	9,251
Croatia.....	1,300	Philippines.....	8,620
Cuba.....	1,800	Poland.....	2,420
Cyprus.....	280	Portugal.....	990
Czech Republic.....	597	Puerto Rico.....	490
Dominica.....	280	Romania.....	3,252
Dominican Republic.....	8,848	Russia.....	2,110
East Timor.....	110	Rwanda.....	2,200
Ecuador.....	7,559	Saint Lucia.....	560
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Petersburg.....	120
El Salvador.....	7,275	Saint Vincent and the	
Eritrea.....	250	Grenadines.....	280
Estonia.....	500	Samoa.....	1,360
Ethiopia.....	3,208	Senegal.....	520
Fiji.....	1,620	Serbia.....	2,090
France.....	560	Sierra Leone.....	2,340
French Polynesia.....	280	Somalia.....	88
Georgia.....	1,030	South Africa.....	20,020
Ghana.....	2,240	Spain.....	500
Greece.....	520	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Grenada.....	280	Sudan.....	280
Guam.....	250	Suriname.....	240
Guatemala.....	7,963	Swaziland.....	1,860
Guyana.....	250	Syria.....	641
Haiti.....	1,820	Taiwan.....	756
Honduras.....	6,284	Tajikistan.....	480
Hong Kong.....	970	Tanzania.....	3,268
Hungary.....	120	Thailand.....	7,760
India.....	2,716	Tibet.....	331
Indonesia.....	3,340	Tonga.....	500
Iran.....	3,880	Trinidad & Tobago.....	3,844
Iraq.....	4,300	Turkey.....	4,990
Israel.....	7,830	Turkmenistan.....	520
Italy.....	580	Uganda.....	9,444
Jamaica.....	3,100	Ukraine.....	5,070
Japan.....	1,750	United States.....	29,754
Jordan.....	5,022	Uruguay.....	1,632
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Kenya.....	2,820	Vanuatu.....	250
Kiribati.....	250	Venezuela.....	1,580
Korea, North.....	552	Vietnam.....	13,316
Korea, South.....	5,380	Virgin Islands (UK).....	284
Kosovo.....	1,300	Virgin Islands (US).....	280
Kyrgyzstan.....	1,240	Western Sahara.....	153
Laos.....	780	Zambia.....	2,170
Latvia.....	740	Zimbabwe.....	2,320

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS 153

TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS 743,288

For current totals visit wheelchairfoundation.org

Newsletters

7th Annual Golf Tournament Drives in the Donations!


**DRIVE FORE
MOBILITY**

More than 160 golfers arrived at the Blackhawk Country Club in Danville, CA, home of the Longs Drug Store LPGA Classic, for the 7th Annual *Drive Fore Mobility* Golf Tournament. Thanks to the generous donations of the

participants and guests, over \$112,000 was raised to create awareness and provide wheelchairs to people in developing countries who cannot afford one. Thank you to the many sponsors and volunteers for helping to make this a successful tournament.

Music on Eagle Ridge



On October 4th, guests gathered at the Behring estate for the *Music on Eagle Ridge* event. The Thai-themed evening featured festive decor and a

delicious dinner of Thai cuisine. Guests enjoyed a silent auction as well as pre-dinner courtyard entertainment by jazz, rock and R&B band "Indisguise", while funds were raised to send wheelchairs to Thailand.



Tommy Hilfiger Supports the Wheelchair Foundation!



Tommy Hilfiger mingles at the Wheelchair Foundation private reception.

On September 17th, fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger came out to Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton, CA to showcase his new fashion line. He partnered with the Wheelchair Foundation by donating 5% of his event proceeds back to us! Wheelchair Foundation attendees were honored with a private cocktail reception and personal meet-and-greet with Tommy Hilfiger.

Hour of Power and Crystal Cathedral Put Possibilities in Motion



Rev. Robert A. Schuller meets the children at the Daxing Orphanage Rehabilitation Center.

people to *possibility doing* through a major missions outreach in China.” Included in the mission trip to China was the dedication of the Daxing Orphanage Rehabilitation Center which was recently renovated by the Ministry.

“As a parent, I am thrilled to be part of the wonderful work going on here,” said Donna Schuller. “It brings great hope and offers new opportunities to children who face so many challenges in life. It was incredibly fulfilling to see the excitement on the children’s faces as they were being lifted into their *possibility chairs* and receiving appreciative hugs and smiles from their foster parents.”

Imagine putting 4,000 new *possibilities* in motion! That’s what supporters of the Hour of Power and Crystal Cathedral Ministries around the world did as they partnered with the Wheelchair Foundation recently to provide thousands of *possibility chairs* to disabled children and elderly people in China.

“Our heritage of *possibility thinking* is deeply rooted in the belief that with God, all things are possible,” said senior pastor, Robert Anthony Schuller. “We are moving boldly to inspire



The Crystal Cathedral team at the Tianjin Institute of Children's Welfare.



Robert and Donna Schuller with wheelchair recipients.

Rotary Matching Grants for 2008/2009



Rotarians in action.

In order to maximize the potential of contributions made by Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) allows for eight Matching Grant opportunities with any outside organization acting as a cooperating organization. Wheelchair Foundation is pleased to be able to help Rotarian donors maximize the potential of contributions by coordinating this participation.

Fortunately for Wheelchair Foundation, we have the assistance of Rotarian volunteer Dr. Jon Grant and his wife, Linda, in the administration of these very beneficial and generous grants. For nearly a decade Jon and Linda have helped collect funds from individual Rotarians and Clubs alike and coordinated the application process to maximize the value of each and every donation.

TRF Matching Grants allow small Rotary Clubs to achieve big things! They also permit Rotary Clubs that would otherwise not be able to on their own to participate in large scale projects with enormous and significant local and international impact.

If your club would like to participate and contribute toward, or suggest a potential destination for, a future TRF Matching Grant, please contact: Dr. Jon B. Grant at (650) 574-0520 or JonBGrant@aol.com.

Bridges of Friendship



The Rotary Club of Leon, Mexico has a long history of doing good things for its local community and the area surrounding the geographical center of the country. Rotary District 5790 in Northwest Texas has been sponsoring the delivery of wheelchairs to Leon since 2005 and has built an incredible bridge of friendship between the two cultures.

On a recent trip to Leon, Rotarians from 5790 and their families added many more bricks to the bridge that unites them in the humanitarian mission of delivering wheelchairs.

At the Teleton center in Guanajuato, the visitors helped distribute 50 wheelchairs to children with physical disabilities. Each child held a hand written note expressing their gratitude for the gift of the wheelchair. The parents shed tears of joy over seeing their children racing around in their very own, brand new wheelchairs.



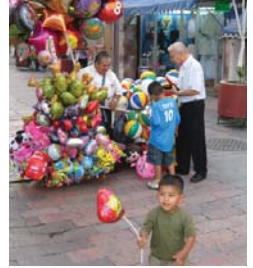
Noberta Riveralle, 113-years-old (left)
Noberta's nephew, 90-years-old (right)

During a home visit in the hills above Leon, a 113 year old woman named Norberta Riveralle told the team that she really did not need a wheelchair. She would prefer if we gave it to her 90-year-old nephew because he could not walk. She told us, "He needs it more than I do because he is younger and will go out more often." We had brought a wheelchair for each of them, so Norberta and her nephew both received the gift of mobility that day.

At the center of the city beneath the "Arch of the Lion" a wheelchair distribution took place on a bright Saturday morning. One hundred and ten people and their families would all get mobility that day. The experience would prove to be a memorable one for even the most seasoned Rotarian. Teenagers from the local schools came to help give out the wheelchairs and were well versed by their parents (the local Rotarians) on how to instruct the people about the use of their new wheelchairs.

The footrest adjustments, the removable armrests, how to fold the wheelchair, how to use the brakes, etc. Every visitor and local alike was very impressed with the enthusiasm and diligence displayed by the young people. The recipients and their families felt very grateful for the dedicated efforts of the teenagers and all of the visiting Rotarians were amazed by the efficiency of everyone involved.

Jose Luis Diaz Castillo is the coordinator of all the wheelchair distributions in Leon, and has been a great friend to the Wheelchair Foundation and visiting Rotarians for many years. His hospitality is legendary, and the goodness of his heart is very visible on his face.



Jose Luis buying balloons for children in the city square.

The bridges of friendship and collaboration that have been built to help the less fortunate of Leon, Mexico can stand as a shining example of how Rotarians are successfully working together to grow peace and friendship throughout the world.



Three-year-old Francisco enjoys riding around in his new wheelchair.



Chris McLucas and Wheelchair Chairman Mitch McCartney adjust footrests.

Knight Vision

"I could not believe that I was really going to get a wheelchair," said 102 year old Isabel Hernandez. "I have waited for years to have my prayers answered, and now you are here, my angels." With these words a Knights of Columbus group visiting Mexico City were reduced to tears. The hugs and tears of joy flowed from this little lady with so much to say, and so many blessings to give.

Since 2003 the largest Catholic men's fraternal society in the world has been heavily involved with the mission of the Wheelchair Foundation. The Knights of Columbus are 1.7 million strong and represent some of the finest examples on earth of people helping others in their local communities and around the world.

Individual Knights and state and local councils have sponsored the delivery of thousands of wheelchairs around the world, and entire parish communities are embracing our mission by holding weekend long drives that are sending huge sea containers of life changing wheelchairs to brothers and sisters in need in numerous countries.

"Everybody is from somewhere," said Fr. Gerard O'Brien, the priest responsible for creating the *Wheelchair Sunday* parish drives, "and we have to reach our arms out across America and the world to get wheelchairs to where they are needed."

The parish drives have sponsored wheelchairs to Mexico, Poland, the Philippines, and the U.S. so far, and there are many more planned in the coming months. During the summer of 2008 the first Texas parish drive was held in San Antonio and a container of 280 brand new wheelchairs is on the way to immobile children, teens and adults in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

To date, Knights in 37 of our United States, every province of Canada and all regions of Mexico have participated in our global mission, and are spreading the word to brother Knights around the world.

"My vision," said Monsignor Diego Monroy Ponce, rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "is that we can all live as brothers by helping our neighbors in need."

The Wheelchair Foundation thanks the Knights of Columbus, and everyone who has supported their mission of helping us help people in need of hope, mobility and freedom around the world.



Johnson & Johnson and Wheelchair Foundation Donate 1,000 Sport Wheelchairs to China Foundation for Disabled Persons at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games



(left to right) Owen Rankin, VP Corporate Equity and Olympic Sponsorship Johnson & Johnson, Jiang Shangzhou, President CFDP and Kenneth E. Behring

Johnson & Johnson, a major sponsor of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, in partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation, recently announced the donation of 1,000 sport wheelchairs to the China Foundation for Disabled Persons (CFDP). These specialized wheelchairs will be distributed to 20 community organizations and centers across China

that work with people with disabilities. The sport wheelchairs will help give more athletes and citizens with a disability the opportunity to achieve a healthy lifestyle through sport.

"Johnson & Johnson is extremely proud to support the Paralympic Movement and its goal to create a better world for people with a disability," said Owen Rankin, Vice President Corporate Equity and Olympic Sponsorship, Johnson & Johnson. "In the spirit of Yin Ai Er Sheng, we are delighted to donate sport wheelchairs that will enable more people to benefit from the power of sport to help build confidence, set goals and lead to a fulfilling life."

Local Kids, Global Impact

Here is what students around the country will be up to with the Wheelchair Foundation this year:

The **San Diego State University Greek system** will be fundraising with a goal of raising \$60,000, which will generously be matched by the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley, California. To learn more about their efforts, and their trip to Colombia last year, check out this website and follow it to the video: www.sa.sdsu.edu/atstate/2008-09/feature-1.html

The **Cal Poly SLO** Chapter of The Wheelchair Foundation is onboard again and have stated that they "intend to exceed last year's fundraising total of \$150,000."

Rock the Block students from BYU continue their fundraising efforts by hosting a series of concerts throughout the state of Utah to benefit Wheelchair Foundation.

Alpha Phi Omega, a national college service fraternity with over 360 unique chapters nationwide, has chosen Wheelchair Foundation to be the primary beneficiary for their National Service Week this fall.

Stanford University is creating its own chapter of Wheelchair Foundation to sponsor wheelchairs for people around the world.

This is just a snippet of how students are participating in our brand new "Back to School" program. For more information about participating schools and universities, upcoming events, and new opportunities to get involved, please feel free to contact us. We are so excited about this great opportunity to partner with schools, students and alumni! And we look forward to hearing from you!

Telmex Foundation and Wheelchair Foundation



Mobilize Mexico with a Donation of 15,000 Wheelchairs



First Lady of Mexico, Margarita Zavala de Calderon

The fruits of a partnership by Ken Behring's Wheelchair Foundation and Carlos Slim's Telmex Foundation in 2007 was the delivery of a total of 15,000 new wheelchairs in all 31 Mexican states during the summer and fall of 2008.

The kick-off mobility event took place on August 6, 2008 at the Gaby Brimmer Rehabilitation Center in Mexico City where the first 150 beneficiaries received their shining red wheelchairs in the presence of the First Lady of Mexico, Margarita Zavala de Calderon. She was accompanied by the Executive Director of Telmex Foundation, Carlos Slim's son-in-law, Ing. Arturo Elias Ayub, the Founder of Wheelchair Foundation, Ken Behring, as well as cherished guests of the Wheelchair Foundation including four of our Wheelchair Angel winners.



A mother and her son receive a new wheelchair courtesy of Telmex.



Ken Behring charms the crowd at the wheelchair kick-off event in Mexico City.



(left to right) Arturo Elias Ayub with his son with Margarita Zavala de Calderon and Ken Behring

Season highlights ❄️



Over 740,000 Wheelchairs Delivered . . .

THIS PAGE, COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

» Donor and recipient connect for a moment in Peru. » Bill Wheeler, from Rotary club of Pleasanton North, has traveled all over Latin America on his motorcycle delivering wheelchairs. » A child in Argentina happily celebrates his new wheelchair as his caregiver blows bubbles. » Cal Poly Professor Lynn Metcalf, who has inspired numerous students to get involved in philanthropy, enjoys a chance to get to know a young recipient at a wheelchair distribution in Peru. » The unmistakable smile of happiness that comes with every new wheelchair. » Christopher Behring, Grandson of Wheelchair Foundation Founder, Kenneth E. Behring, is excited to hang out with Peruvian Wheelchair Basketball stars as they get their new wheelchairs.





THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

» Peruvian Military assist local elderly wheelchair recipients, who also received potatoes and blankets from local Rotarians. » Rotarian Jesse Devlyn and Wheelchair Angel from the United States work together in preparation for a wheelchair distribution in Mexico. » Seeing the impact the gift of a wheelchair can have on a young family firsthand. » Liz Allen, head of Guidepost Magazine, happily shares in the possibilities a new wheelchair brings to a mother and daughter in China. » Peruvian Military Officials present Wheelchair Foundation President, David Behring, with its most honorable civilian award for his efforts in aiding the disabled of Peru. » Josh Routh, whose father is a Rotarian from Pleasanton North, travels in his wheelchair to help others achieve mobility. » Some of the 1000 Sport Wheelchairs provided by 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games sponsor Johnson & Johnson and Wheelchair Foundation, being put to good use in China.

Millions

of Lives Changed in the Spirit of Giving



The Impact of a Wheelchair

“When you start to meet all the people affected by disability, and I mean the parents and children of disabled folks as well, you really begin to get a sense of what the true impact of having a wheelchair can be, beyond just allowing a disabled person to get around on their own.” - Kenneth E. Behring



Mosa and her mother in South Africa.

“This is something I’ve done every day of her life, lifting my Mosa and moving her around everywhere she needs to go (Mosa is 16 years old). I love her with all my heart and soul, but caring for both of us, by myself, has never been easy. This day, I fed and bathed her, put clothes on her, and walked with her on my back to come to get a wheelchair for her. Our first wheelchair.”

“Now Mosa will be allowed to go to school, and she will be able to move herself. And, I will be able to work so we can have a proper life.”

Many of us will be faced with caring for another person at some point in our lifetime. Be it a child, a loved one, a parent or even a stranger, providing for someone else’s every need can be a very difficult task. And depending upon the limits of that person’s ability to care and provide for his or her self, it can be a 24 hour a day, seven day a week job with little other focus.

Because giving a wheelchair to someone in need can have such profound effect on the recipient, it is easy to overlook the impact a new wheelchair can have on others as well.

“Having a wheelchair means I no longer have to ask passersby for help crawling through mud puddles on the street.” - Mike in Angola



David Behring and Tran Thi Nghia and family in their neighborhood in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Americans have adopted the movement started by Ken Behring and have supported the mission of Wheelchair Foundation because providing a wheelchair to a person without mobility works. And together we have helped provide mobility to nearly 800,000 individuals in 153 countries.

As of 2007 the World Health Organization has raised their estimate of the number of individuals who could immediately benefit from a wheelchair from 25 million to 65 million. And in the majority of these 65 million cases there are caretakers who will also benefit. So double, triple or quadruple the number of people who benefit from the donation of a single wheelchair.



Oran Bain learns about daily life for a person with a disability in Luanda, Angola, Africa.

“ I received a wheelchair from Wheelchair Foundation in 2003. I am now a student at Hanoi University of Technology in my third year. My parents are very proud of me. I have been able to accomplish more than they ever thought I could, but I believe that I can do much more. My wheelchair is the most wonderful gift I have ever received.”

- Nghai Tran Thi, Vietnam



David Behring and Tran Thi Nghia, friends who have remained in contact for years since Nghia first received her wheelchair.

Helping the Elderly Deal with Daily Life

The elderly population of the world is growing. Young adults are faced with caring for their aging parents, and often have to sacrifice education, free time and employment to become care givers. And, although caring for our elders is ingrained in some cultures, it can be all but absent in others.



"This could be my mother. I'd want someone to help her too." Charli Butterfield and 82 year old Celia Velazquez Vda de Perez.

Whereas once, elderly and ailing parents had no worries that their children would care for them as they aged, those same children are now being lured away from their villages and countries to pursue careers and opportunities elsewhere, away from the nuclear families that raised them, leaving the older generation to fend for themselves.

Those growing old alone fear the loss of their ability to care for themselves. Loss of self sufficiency and independence are common themes. And loss of mobility is directly tied to loss of independence.

When shopping for gifts for loved ones this holiday, please consider that the gift of a wheelchair provides independence for those facing life alone, and a wheelchair can enable people to reconnect with the world around them.



Ms. Hue in her first wheelchair and one of her neighborhood helpers in Dong Ha, Vietnam.



"The people in my village help me when they can. I became disabled at age 17. I live here alone. There is no other way I would ever get a wheelchair. It will make things easier for all of us. Thank you!" - Ms. Hue

Acts of Valor

“Thank you for my new wheelchair. You are my hero!”



Wheelchair Foundation's Annette Vineyard enjoys playing with a young man receiving his very first wheelchair in Mexico City.

We are all moved by acts of valor and bravery, and our society champions those who achieve great things in the face of extreme adversity. The firefighter who runs into the burning building or the bystander who performs CPR to save a stranger are both admired. We all share great respect for those who earn their stripes serving their fellow man, but we all can't perform heroic acts.

Or can we? Consider that with each wheelchair you donate, you are giving mobility to someone who may not be able to walk. You can free a breadwinner to provide for his family. You are giving people the opportunity to pursue a career, an education, or an entrepreneurial venture. By sponsoring a wheelchair you are helping young and old reconnect with life. And you may also be allowing a child to fully enjoy his or her youth. Truly heroic acts indeed...



Pilot Phil Vanderwilt and Wheelchair Angel Minoo Mama with a proud new friend and his new wheelchair in Mexico City.



Rotarians, businessmen and students all work together preparing wheelchairs for recipients in Peru.



Wheelchair Foundation Founder, Kenneth E. Behring, and a whole cast of volunteers, Wheelchair Angels and others all pitch in prior to the arrival of wheelchair recipients in Mexico.

Impacting the Giver: From Poly to Peru



A wheelchair recipient shares her powerful story with Pruvi Kanji.
Photographer: Noelle Luchino, CPWF

In August, ten Cal Poly students and several alumni boarded a plane bound for Peru. They were traveling to give the 'gift of mobility,' by distributing almost 400 wheelchairs to Peruvians in need. The intention of the trip was to give, but the students wound up receiving so much more.

This journey was about witnessing, and being a part of what they had worked for during their senior project at Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo, CA.

"It was a powerful, and life changing thing to be able to place someone in a wheelchair... that one moment was a result of a year's worth of work," said team leader Joshua Burroughs. Burroughs remembers thinking, "This is the person that I worked so hard for."



Nick Bedell and Josh Burroughs
Photographer: Kori Savoie, CPWF

Being a part of this trip gave these students the kind of knowledge that cannot be taught in a classroom.

"I learned that you can't help someone enough," Pruvi Kanji said. "We did something great but it's minute compared to how many people actually need help in the world."

Nick Bedell also carried some things home with him, not in his luggage, but in his heart.

"The distributions made it evidently clear the value of the gift of mobility. It's something we take for granted in our everyday lives," Bedell said. "Deep gratitude was expressed to me by so many, in a way that couldn't be confused by any language or communication barriers. The experience was emotionally stirring to the core."

When most people travel to Peru, they go to visit the ruins of the Inca Empire, to see llamas, and maybe purchase a handmade beanie from the floating islands of Lake Titicaca, and of course they go to admire the majesty that is



Jaclyn Sick shares the joy of young girl by exchanging "high-fives". Photographer: Noelle Luchino, CPWF

Machu Picchu. The students on this trip did have the opportunity to see all of these, but they were able to see another, deeper side of Peru by participating in the wheelchair distributions in Lima, Cuzco



Brandon Wied and Josh Burroughs assist a recipient into his new wheelchair.
Photographer: Kali Bills, CPWF

and Puno. "Seeing these people, who cannot afford mobility, be given this gift was such a moving experience..." Noelle Luchino said.

"Traveling to a third world country was very eye opening... I expected to see a difference in the way people lived but I had no idea how much of a difference.

"Demographically each group of recipients was different," Kanji said. "But they all had stories to tell, and they were all there for the same reason, and we were there to help them."

The wheelchair recipients were not the only ones that experienced feelings of gratitude. Students were both awestruck and appreciative of Rotary's and the Peruvian Military's involvement in the trip.

"The Rotarians in Peru, especially Luis and Rosario Malaga, did an amazing job of coordinating our trip, planning wheelchair ceremonies, picking out wheelchair recipients, and making sure we got the appropriate 'thanks' for all our hard work," Luchino said.

"Each of the clubs in Lima, Cuzco, and Puno opened their arms to us in mutual friendship and desire to change the lives of others," he said. - **Bridget Veltri, Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation**

Planned Giving

Whether supported through an outright gift or planned gift, the Wheelchair Foundation's efforts are made possible through the generosity and commitment of people like you. A planned gift to the Wheelchair Foundation helps to ensure the future of our wheelchair deliveries worldwide for years to come and, at the same time, may further your financial goals.

Planned gifts include gifts through your will, charitable gift annuities, gifts of life insurance and charitable trusts.

BEQUESTS

Many of our supporters make charitable gifts by naming the Wheelchair Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills.

GIFT OF LIFE INSURANCE

If you no longer need the life insurance you purchased years ago to provide for children or other family members, donate the policy to the Wheelchair Foundation. Claim a charitable deduction for approximately the policy's cash surrender value, and the proceeds are removed from your estate.

GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLANS

Some donors have chosen to name the Wheelchair Foundation as the primary or contingent beneficiaries of their IRAs. An IRA can provide income to the owner of the account and then pass to the Wheelchair Foundation as the beneficiary recipient.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

Individuals with very large estates can use a charitable lead trust to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation and pass principal to family members with little or no tax consequences.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Families have used the charitable remainder trust as an integral part of their estate planning. This type of plan provides income to the family and the remainder is gifted to the Wheelchair Foundation in the name of the Family Trust. A charitable remainder trust is designed to decrease the value of one's estate thereby alleviating tax consequences to the family beneficiaries.

Consult your financial or tax advisor regarding the variety of charitable giving options available to you that provide financial advantages now and in the future. We appreciate your interest in making a planned gift to support our mission to provide new, free wheelchairs to needy people worldwide. **For more information call (877) 378-3839.**

Matching Gifts

You may be able to double the amount of your gift if you work for an employer that has a matching gift program. Check to see if your employer offers an employee charitable matching gift program and send their form to the Wheelchair Foundation.

Wheelchair Foundation Donor Wall



The Blackhawk Museum, world renowned for its galleries of the finest "classic" automobiles anywhere, also showcases the Wheelchair Foundation's work around the world. The Wheelchair Foundation Gallery features information about the Foundation's humanitarian work, the need for wheelchairs worldwide, people whose lives have dramatically changed with the simple gift of a wheelchair, and what you can do to help.

A Donor Wall spreads across the whole back of one room and honors those of you who have made significant contributions to support our success of 750,000 wheelchair deliveries in eight years. Panels on the Donor Wall include:

Super Star	Granters of Wishes	Sponsors of Dreams	Givers of Hope	Circle of Freedom	Benefactor	Founder's Circle	Global Partners
\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE HONOR ROLL!

Need a last-minute gift idea for the holidays?

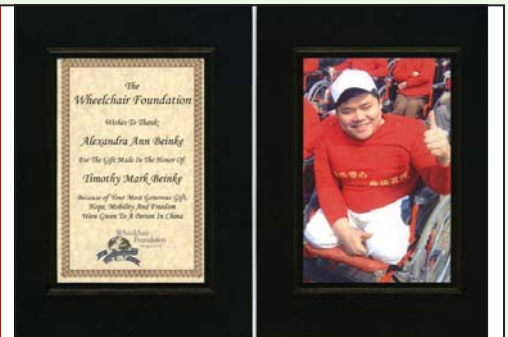
Give the gift of Mobility!

A Wheelchair Foundation Gift Certificate is not only a thoughtful gift, but it also delivers a wheelchair to someone in desperate need.

Simply make your donation online, and you will be prompted to print out a gift certificate that confirms your donation in the name of a loved one. Your loved one will receive a beautiful presentation certificate with a photo of a wheelchair recipient 4-6 weeks later! To make a donation and receive the gift certificate, please visit our website at www.wheelchairfoundation.org and click on the gift certificate link.



Each \$150 donation delivers a wheelchair and supports the mission of Wheelchair Foundation. You can greatly improve the quality of life for a child, teen or adult without mobility. You will receive a beautiful certificate of thanks with a picture of a wheelchair recipient in your name or dedicated to your loved one. You will also receive a gift certificate for a free signed copy of "Road To Purpose", or use our new gift certificate to send "Road to Purpose" to a friend or family member. It makes a wonderful gift!



Sample Presentation Folder.

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