

Changing THE WORLD



ALL WE ASK FOR IN
RETURN IS A SMILE



the spirit of mobility

FALL 2010

A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



We created the “Spirit of Mobility” Award because we wanted a way to recognize and honor those who have supported Wheelchair Foundation since we started on June 12, 2000.

My friend, Ken Hofmann, understood the potential that Wheelchair Foundation had back then. He showed me that he thought giving away wheelchairs to people in need was a good idea when he gave us the funds to send a whole bunch of them to the Dominican Republic years ago. He showed me that he still thinks it is a good idea, on the evening of June 12th of this year, when he handed me a check for one million dollars made out to “Wheelchair Foundation,” and I am grateful for his support.

The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians across the world are responsible for funding over a quarter of a million wheelchairs, and that alone shows belief in our program and the effect one wheelchair can have on everyone who touches it on its way to a recipient who needs mobility. I was happy that night to get to shake the hands of my dear friends (Rotary International Past-Presidents) Cliff Dochterman and Richard King, and thank them for their years of letting others know about Wheelchair Foundation mission.

I should also thank my staff. A lot of people have been involved with Wheelchair Foundation since we started. Everyone contributes something special to our work, and together we all share the spirit of mobility

Kenneth E. Behring
Founder and 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

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

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|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Afghanistan..... | 7,150 | Lebanon | 2,430 |
| Albania..... | 550 | Lesotho | 1,060 |
| Algeria..... | 640 | Liberia..... | 780 |
| Angola..... | 5,090 | Lithuania..... | 1,090 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 280 | Macedonia..... | 760 |
| Argentina..... | 8,821 | Madagascar..... | 1,030 |
| Armenia..... | 3,184 | Malawi..... | 3,530 |
| Australia..... | 292 | Malaysia..... | 4,040 |
| Azerbaijan..... | 280 | Mali..... | 800 |
| Bahamas..... | 1,890 | Malta..... | 240 |
| Bangladesh..... | 350 | Marshall Islands | 140 |
| Barbados..... | 560 | Mauritania..... | 100 |
| Belarus..... | 990 | Mexico..... | 145,119 |
| Belgium..... | 280 | Micronesia | 1,390 |
| Belize..... | 2,725 | Moldova..... | 1,720 |
| Benin..... | 280 | Mongolia..... | 1,320 |
| Bolivia..... | 5,294 | Montenegro..... | 120 |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 2,040 | Morocco..... | 5,200 |
| Botswana..... | 1,688 | Mozambique | 1,660 |
| Brazil..... | 2,585 | Myanmar (Burma)..... | 500 |
| Bulgaria..... | 530 | Namibia | 466 |
| Burundi..... | 520 | Nepal..... | 3,275 |
| Cambodia..... | 3,410 | Nicaragua..... | 6,595 |
| Canada..... | 560 | Niger..... | 240 |
| Cape Verde..... | 780 | Nigeria..... | 1,420 |
| Central African Republic | 240 | Northern Mariana Islands | 410 |
| Chile..... | 9,608 | Oman..... | 280 |
| China..... | 280,073 | Pakistan..... | 3,175 |
| Colombia..... | 9,875 | Palestinian Territories..... | 1,906 |
| Congo, The Democratic | | Panama..... | 7,841 |
| Republic of the..... | 205 | Papua New Guinea..... | 2,080 |
| Costa Rica..... | 7,035 | Paraguay..... | 2,344 |
| Croatia..... | 1,300 | Peru..... | 10,471 |
| Cuba..... | 1,800 | Philippines..... | 9,140 |
| Cyprus..... | 280 | Poland..... | 2,700 |
| Czech Republic..... | 597 | Portugal..... | 990 |
| Dominica..... | 280 | Puerto Rico..... | 490 |
| Dominican Republic..... | 11,568 | Romania..... | 3,462 |
| East Timor..... | 110 | Russia..... | 2,110 |
| Ecuador..... | 8,619 | Rwanda..... | 2,200 |
| Egypt..... | 1,168 | Saint Lucia..... | 560 |
| El Salvador..... | 7,600 | Saint Petersburg..... | 120 |
| Eritrea..... | 250 | Saint Vincent and the | |
| Estonia..... | 500 | Grenadines..... | 560 |
| Ethiopia..... | 3,468 | Samoa..... | 1,360 |
| Fiji..... | 1,620 | Senegal..... | 520 |
| France..... | 560 | Serbia..... | 2,370 |
| French Polynesia | 280 | Sierra Leone..... | 2,340 |
| Georgia..... | 1,030 | Solomon Islands..... | 110 |
| Ghana..... | 2,350 | Somalia..... | 88 |
| Greece..... | 520 | South Africa..... | 21,860 |
| Grenada..... | 280 | Spain..... | 500 |
| Guam..... | 250 | Sri Lanka..... | 3,170 |
| Guatemala..... | 8,623 | Sudan..... | 280 |
| Guyana..... | 250 | Suriname..... | 240 |
| Haiti..... | 2,600 | Swaziland..... | 1,970 |
| Honduras..... | 6,384 | Syria..... | 641 |
| Hong Kong..... | 970 | Taiwan..... | 756 |
| Hungary..... | 120 | Tajikistan..... | 480 |
| India..... | 2,716 | Tanzania..... | 3,268 |
| Indonesia..... | 3,340 | Thailand..... | 8,040 |
| Iran..... | 3,880 | Tibet..... | 331 |
| Iraq..... | 4,300 | To Be Determined..... | 970 |
| Israel..... | 7,830 | Tonga..... | 500 |
| Italy..... | 580 | Trinidad & Tobago | 3,844 |
| Jamaica..... | 3,200 | Turkey..... | 5,500 |
| Japan..... | 1,750 | Turkmenistan..... | 520 |
| Jordan..... | 5,022 | Uganda..... | 9,664 |
| Kazakhstan..... | 1,510 | Ukraine..... | 5,350 |
| Kenya..... | 2,930 | United States..... | 32,094 |
| Kiribati..... | 250 | Uruguay..... | 1,632 |
| Korea, North..... | 552 | Uzbekistan..... | 1,240 |
| Korea, South..... | 5,600 | Vanuatu..... | 250 |
| Kosovo..... | 1,300 | Venezuela..... | 2,240 |
| Kyrgyzstan..... | 1,240 | Vietnam..... | 14,156 |
| Laos..... | 780 | Virgin Islands (UK)..... | 284 |
| Latvia..... | 740 | Virgin Islands (US)..... | 280 |
| | | Western Sahara..... | 153 |
| | | Zambia..... | 2,170 |
| | | Zimbabwe..... | 2,320 |

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS 153
TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS 834,984

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND, DR. SCHARLEEN COLANT



Scharleen was truly an extraordinary woman – and wheelchairs became her passion. She will never be forgotten by the recipients and families who have new lives full of hope and possibilities due to the 2400 of wheelchairs she sponsored. Scharleen believed in what we do and to left a generous gift in her estate to give us the power to continue our important mission.

"I would go around the world to give a wheelchair to someone if I knew it would help them." – Scharleen Colant

One of her last requests was that a fund be established in her memory. You too can honor Scharleen and her work with donations to *"The Scharleen Colant Wheelchair Fund."* Please indicate "Scharleen Colant" when making donations online, via telephone or by check to:

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"BARSHEEP" ROTARIANS SHOW OFF WHEELCHAIR PROJECT AT THE SOLANO STROLL



The I-80 corridor Rotary clubs, better known as the "BARSHEEP," hosted a booth at the 36th annual *Solano Avenue Stroll*, one of the San Francisco Bay Area's largest street festivals. This year's theme was "A Global A-Faire" which fits nicely with the goals of Rotary International and The Wheelchair Foundation. The BARSHEEP were among five hundred vendors, and non-profit organizations at the event this year which attracts over 200,000 people annually.

20,000 WHEELCHAIRS FOR MEXICO

COURTESY OF
THE CARLOS SLIM FOUNDATION & KENNETH E. BEHRING

BY EVA CARLETON



Above: <<< Arturo Elias Ayub, Director General of Telmex Foundation, Kenneth E. Behring and First Lady of Mexico, Margarita Zavala <<<

In Mexico City on August 23, 2010, the First Lady of Mexico, Margarita Zavala, in her role as President of the National Agency for Family Development (DIF, in Spanish), officiated at the distribution of the first of 20,000 wheelchairs to be given away throughout Mexico. She was joined by Kenneth E. Behring, Founder of Wheelchair Foundation, and Arturo Elias Ayub, Director General of Telmex Foundation.

In his comments about the significance of wheelchairs for the people of Mexico, Ayub stated "For Telmex Foundation, it is most important to realize the dreams of boys, girls, teenagers and adults so that they have mobility and self-confidence."

He continued, "This wheelchair project is a dream come true for us because, through it, we have achieved structural changes in the lives of the beneficiaries."

This year's large scale donation of 20,000 wheelchairs to all 31 Mexican States represents part of an ongoing partnership between Kenneth E. Behring and the Carlos Slim Foundation, which is focusing on meeting the immediate needs of those with mobility disabilities in Mexico. Cooperation with DIF allows for the rapid and streamlined distribution of wheelchairs and established access to waiting recipients through individual state DIF offices.



Clockwise from Above: <<< A little shy, but elated to finally have a wheelchair of her own! <<< Ken and Patricia Behring greet wheelchair recipients and their families in Mexico City. <<< Long-time Wheelchair Foundation supporter and restaurateur Robert Esqueda gets a kiss of thanks from a grateful recipient. <<< First Lady Margarita Zavala takes the time to greet everyone in attendance. <<<



“Our foundations have joined forces to deliver close to 90,000 wheelchairs to Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean in the next three years,” says Eva Carleton, Wheelchair Foundation’s Director of Operations for Latin America and the Caribbean. “It is only through the grand vision and forward thinking of great men like Kenneth Behring and Carlos Slim that we are able to address the immediate and growing need for wheelchairs around the world.”

Wheelchair distributions will continue to be held throughout Mexico through the end of 2010. As part of this strategic partnership, wheelchairs are also being shipped to Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Peru, as well as 2,000 wheelchairs for Haitian earthquake relief. This initial landmark distribution is a significant contribution to our ongoing effort to reach individuals with mobility disabilities throughout the Western Hemisphere.

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF MOBILITY!

June 12, 2000 - June 12, 2010



Clockwise from Above: <<< The incredible Wheelchair Foundation 10th Anniversary ice luge! <<< Revelers were lead to the main hall of the beautiful Blackhawk Museum by the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps. <<< Wheelchair Foundation's own Charli Butterfield and longtime supporter Sid Hendricks toast the occasion. <<< Ken and Jeff Behring take turns blowing out candles on a shared birthday cake as longtime friend and business partner Steve Bienke cheers them on. <<<

On June 12th, 2010, Wheelchair Foundation hosted the "Spirit of Mobility" gala event. More than 300 attendees helped celebrate Wheelchair Foundation's 10th Anniversary, and the birthdays of founder Kenneth E. Behring and his son Jeffrey Behring.

The evening included highlights from ten years of giving away more than 850,000 wheelchairs in 153 countries around the world. Kenneth E. Behring, Kenneth H. Hofmann and Rotary International were honored for their contributions to the work of Wheelchair Foundation, and were the first to be bestowed with the coveted "Spirit of Mobility" Award in honor of their continued efforts to help people in need of mobility everywhere.

The crowd sang a cheerful "Happy Birthday" to Ken and Jeff, and then danced the night away to the tunes of *Desperado*, one of the country's premier Eagles cover bands.

Wheelchair Foundation would like to thank everyone involved in making this event a success. Without the tireless dedication of our volunteers, supporters, donors and staff, we would not be able to do the amazing work we do. Please visit our website www.wheelchairfoundation.org to view "Celebrating Ten Years of Hope, Freedom and Mobility" a video retrospective of Wheelchair Foundation and thank you to our founder Kenneth E. Behring.

2010 *SPIRIT OF MOBILITY* HONOREES



Kenneth E. Behring

“ALL WE ASK FOR IN RETURN IS A SMILE”

Since June of 2000, Mr. Behring has tirelessly traveled the world delivering tens of thousands of wheelchairs to the disabled citizens of five continents. The relationships he has developed with world leaders have led to a greater awareness of the needs and abilities of the physically disabled, and are a great force in propelling the mission of the Wheelchair Foundation forward. In 2002, Ken was awarded an honorary doctorate by Brigham Young University for his worldwide charitable efforts.

Kenneth H. Hofmann

“ONE MAN CAN”

A dedicated philanthropist, Mr. Hofmann has donated millions of dollars to Northern California charities. His true passion, however, lies with helping youth. He has provided incredible opportunities for thousands of kids through his Community Youth Center, a state-of-the-art sports and academic complex in Concord, California, where kids ages 3 to 18 come to learn and thrive in a dynamic environment. Mr. Hofmann has been a dear friend of Wheelchair Foundation through the years and is personally responsible for funding nearly 13,000 wheelchairs for Mexico, the Dominican Republic and the United States.



Rotary International

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

Rotary International is the oldest service organization in the world with 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in 180 countries. “Service above Self” is its motto and their members have helped to improve literacy, reduce hunger, promote world peace and friendship, provide clean water and shelter, and work toward eradicating diseases. Rotary is responsible for reducing the incidence of polio to only four countries in the world. The Wheelchair Foundation is extremely blessed to have partnered with Rotarians, Rotary clubs and districts in providing mobility to over 250,000 people in 120 countries. Rotary connections and support in third world countries have been invaluable to our success.



season highlights



Clockwise from upper Left: <<< Party Planner extraordinaire dressed to the nines for the gala celebration on June 1st in the Dominican Republic to deliver wheelchairs to Haitian victims of the 2010 earthquake with one of the many recipients receiving aid in the Dominican Republic in Oaxaca, Mexico. <<< Rotary International Past-President Edith Walters receiving the *Spirit of Mobility* award honoring Rotary's decade long commitment to earthquake survivors at the Dominican Republic - Haiti Chair days at the Shanghai, China World Expo. Red wheelchairs donated to visit the Expo, the opportunity to tour the exhibits and meet Olympic Golf champion MJ McColgan with the Beyond the Border tour to benefit Wheelchair Foundation. >>> District 5870 members from the Dominican Republic - Haiti border were amazed at the extent of the devastation and tragedy is out of the public eye. >>> Ken Behring, Pat Wheeler, and supporter Bill Wheeler. <<< Edith Walters shares a huge donation of 20,000 wheelchairs for Mexico from the Central Florida and Lauderdale Rotary club President, John Gustafson, presenting a photo folder. "Mobility is a much better gift than pens."





rdinaire Chris Mohammed and Wheelchair Foundation's own Lee Winter 12th. <<< Texas Rotarians from District 5870 traveled to the Dominican the January Haiti earthquake. Here Rotarian Martha Anderson dances form of a wheelchair. <<< Husband and wife get new wheelchairs in dents Cliff Dochterman and Richard King were on hand to receive the support of the mission of Wheelchair Foundation. <<< Smiles from an border. <<< Wheelchair Foundation China supplied wheelchairs for Red wheelchairs allowed individuals who would otherwise not have been able and enjoy the sights. >>> Ken Behring and three time National Special d Golf *Golf Angels* at the ninth annual *Drive Fore Mobility* golf tournament Rotarians with displaced Haitian earthquake survivors near the Domican of the need for humanitarian aid, months after the Haitian earthquake ericia Behring and David Behring with long time Wheelchair Foundation ng with a new wheelchair recipient in Mexico City, Mexico marking the Carlos Slim Foundation and the Kenneth E. Behring Foundation. <<< Ft. sents the club's guest speaker with a customized Wheelchair Foundation s and coffee cups" the President noted. <<<



GREAT PEOPLE IN GREAT NEED

ROTARIANS WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE MOBILITY IN EL SALVADOR

BY DIEGO VELASQUEZ

In August of this year, my son, Tim, and I had a lifetime experience when we met the wonderful people of El Salvador who were in dire need of wheelchairs. We also met some wonderful Rotarians from the Cuscatlan Rotary Club in El Salvador.

The happiness, the gratitude, the tolerance and hope that these Salvadorians possess gives me a satisfaction that is hard to describe. During the wheelchair distribution, Tim and I felt so humble to see all the people enjoying life with the little that they had, while praising God for the blessing of a wheelchair.

Every time that I participate in a wheelchair distribution, I cry, but this is what I call "Tears of Happiness." To see so much joy happening in front of me is very rewarding. What a nice experience! I hope that someday all of you have the opportunity to see and make miracles happen too.

Enjoy helping others!



Clockwise from Above: <<< "Tears of Happiness" -Diego Velasquez and father of a young recipient, overwhelmed by the generosity of Rotarians reaching out to help those in need. >>> Wheelchairs and their new owners load into a pickup truck to make the journey home. <<< Tim Velasquez with a thankful wheelchair recipient. "Even with all the problems these individuals have, they still have great dreams!" <<< Diego (center) and Tim Velasquez (far right) representing the Conejo Valley Rotary Club with members of Club Rotario San Salvador Cuscatlan, partners in providing wheelchairs to the great people of El Salvador. <<<



BURGER KING HELPS VETERANS

\$1 IN STORE DONATIONS ADD UP TO HUNDREDS OF WHEELCHAIRS

BY DAVID BEHRING

In order to assist past and current American veterans who have mobility issues, a group of Burger King franchises in the Sacramento and Fresno regions of California launched a month-long program during May of 2010 in their restaurants. Through the use of coupons and posters, “Wheels for Change” asked customers to donate \$1 to help provide wheelchairs to United States military personnel and veterans.

According to Elizabeth Tobias, the Sales and Marketing Manager for Burger King Corporation, “Our customers were so supportive and generous that we were able to raise almost \$23,000 in one month. We are appreciative of the work the Wheelchair Foundation does around the world and grateful to our military men and women for risks they take for all of us.” These 150 wheelchairs will be distributed to individual veterans, hospitals, outpatient clinics and veteran clinics in various parts of northern California.

Over the years, the Wheelchair Foundation has supplied over 5,000 wheelchairs to veterans in our country. Many of these were distributed around Veterans Day celebrations. In addition to numerous small medical facilities across the country that service the needs of our disabled veterans, the organization has also provided wheelchairs to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the National Naval Medical Center and Fort Bragg.



Above: <<< Patrons of Burger King restaurants donated their dollars to help provide wheelchairs to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces through Wheels for Change. <<< Below left: <<< Elizabeth Tobias presents Wheelchair Foundation President David Behring with a check for more than \$22,000. <<<



Wheelchair Foundation also assists ongoing military international outreach programs, such as “Operation Continuing Promise,” by making wheelchairs available to hospital ships like the USNS Comfort and USS Iwo Jima. Budget reductions, the increasing age of our veterans from previous wars and the large number of wounded veterans from our current conflicts all account for the rising demand for additional wheelchairs. We salute all of the men and women of the Armed Forces and those like Burger King who support them.

Do you own a franchise or corporation that would like to support Wheelchair Foundation? Let us help you help your community! Interested? Contact us to learn how your donations can benefit your local communities and provide much needed wheelchairs to veterans, the elderly, schools, hospitals and clinics nationwide! Visit www.wheelchairfoundation.org or call us toll free 1-877-387-3839.



OAXACA REVISITED

A PLACE OF MAGIC AND NEED IN MEXICO

BY EVA CARLETON

Oaxaca is one of Mexico's southernmost states and has an abundance of indigenous culture, with as many as 18 distinct ethnic groups and even more local dialects. Its diversity provides vibrant colors, gastronomy and artisanship, while a rich history provides for some of the most amazing archeological sites in the country.

And although Oaxaca may be poor in economic resources, the people of Oaxaca are working hard to advance their communities. Wheelchair Foundation enjoys an ongoing relationship with the State Agency of Family Development (DIF in Spanish), and has worked closely together to effectively distribute wheelchairs within the state for years. In this particular project, DIF provided half of the funding for more than 800 wheelchairs, which were co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, California, and donors Kirsten and Ed Boyce from Missouri.



Clockwise from top: <<< Wheelchairs await recipients in Oaxaca, Mexico. <<< A home delivery "sealed with a kiss" as Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, California, and DIF employees deliver wheelchairs door-to-door. <<< 14-year-old cancer survivor Genero shows off his wheelchair skills. <<<

A small group traveled to Oaxaca to bring mobility and hope to those in need. After a central distribution in Oaxaca City, the group spent two days delivering wheelchairs house-to-house in small municipalities. One young man who was easy to talk to and very excited to get his wheelchair was 14-year-old Genero. Genero was diagnosed with throat cancer at age seven and had a negative physical reaction to chemotherapy, leaving him unable to use his legs. Fortunately, his cancer is in remission. Genero is a very active young man who plays basketball, and proudly showed off his "wheelchair moves."

Although it was often an emotional experience seeing and hearing how recipients have been suffering and having to cope with their physical handicaps, there were many joyous moments that filled everyone with laughter. Beneficiaries and their families were "amazed that strangers would decide to help them," and were taken by the fact that these same strangers traveled all the way from the comfort of their homes to visit them, and to personally deliver them their new wheelchairs.

SAN JOSE ROTARIANS IN SHANGHAI

DELIVERING WHEELCHAIRS DOOR-TO-DOOR IN ONE OF CHINA'S LARGEST CITIES

BY DAVID BEHRING

In September I had the pleasure of attending several wheelchair distributions in Shanghai with Josh Burroughs and Nick Rajkovich representing Rotary and the Silicon Valley Foundation. In addition to giving out 40 wheelchairs to community centers, we had the opportunity to make “home visits” to Shanghai residents who were unable to leave their homes.

China is a fascinating country that is changing on a daily basis. During its ascent to an economic, political and military superpower, the society is also being transformed. One change is in the attitude towards the less fortunate.



Clockwise from Above: <<< Josh Burroughs, David Behring, Nick Rajkovich and new wheelchair recipient, Song, at her home in Shanghai. <<< “Uncle Xu” at work at the Sunshine Home, helping others every day of his life. <<< David Behring talks with elder wheelchair recipient, Tao, and his family. Tao offers to act as matchmaker for Josh and Nick if they are seeking Chinese wives, as a way of thanking them for his new wheelchair. <<<

Our Wheelchair Foundation China has also taken off in the last few years, and our staff been wonderful in accommodating frequent visits from donors interested in learning more about the culture and people of their wonderful country. The staff has also become much more accustomed to “westerners” desires to make charitable donations directly to recipients.

During a day of urban wheelchair distribution in Shanghai, we were afforded a glimpse into the lives of some of those in need of mobility and living in one of the largest cities in China. Song was moved to tears when she received her wheelchair, and repeatedly thanked us. When asked what she was going to do now that she had a means of getting around, she responded, “Get outside!”



We also got to visit the Sunshine Home in the Shanghai Pu-Xing sub-district where we delivered a wheelchair to a volunteer the locals refer to as “Uncle Xu.” Xu, who himself became disabled in an accident and spent the better part of 19 years on his back unable to move, serves as a mentor, teacher and role model for the students of Sunshine Home. Despite what others might view as a challenging life, Xu remains upbeat, “I don’t like to stay home, I hate being alone. I enjoy coming here and playing with the students, it makes every day an interesting day!”



Seventy-year-old Tao Zhongliang who was displaced during the cultural revolution, his wife, son and daughter-in-law all share a tiny apartment on the sixth floor of a building with no elevator. Tao, who needs a cane to get around, marveled at his new wheelchair and exclaimed with great enthusiasm “I haven’t gone downstairs for years! Now, with my pretty red wheelchair I can finally get out and around my community!”

BRINGING SIGHT TO THE BLIND IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

DEDICATION OF THE EDITH WALTERS & KENNETH E. BEHRING

EYE SURGERY CENTER

BY CHARLI BUTTERFIELD



Clockwise from Above: <<< Edith Walters holds a photograph of her son, David Walters, during the dedication ceremony for the Edith Walters and Kenneth E. Behring Eye Surgery Center in Monterrey, Mexico. Also pictured left to right: Patricia Behring, David Behring, Betty Ruff, Roy Ruff, Ron Walters and representatives from Lions Clubs International Foundation. <<< New equipment will help restore sight to thousands in a simple procedure that takes only minutes to perform. <<<

David E. Walters was a dear friend to many of us at the Wheelchair Foundation. As a volunteer and supporter, he traveled the world giving away wheelchairs to those in need of mobility, and enjoyed seeing the smiles of thankful recipients and the opportunity to help his fellow man.

More recently, David had supported the work of Global Health & Education's Operation Global Vision project, with the desire to create a legacy and honor his family. Along with Kenneth E. Behring, David generously contributed funding to build a new operating theatre at a Lions Clubs International Foundation supported eye clinic in Monterrey, Mexico.

Sadly, David Walters passed away in October of 2009, following a long and valiant battle with cancer. To honor David's desire to bring sight to the blind, the eye clinic was dedicated in the name of his mother, Edith Walters, and Kenneth E. Behring.

Edith Walters (David's mother), Betty and Roy Ruff (David's sister and her husband), and Ron Walters (David's brother) traveled to Mexico for the eye clinic dedication ceremony, along with Patricia Behring and David Behring.



The mission of Operation Global Vision is to alleviate the suffering by cataract blindness in the poorest areas of the world. This campaign strives to create awareness for the urgent need to act now to stop the progression of this reversible form of blindness. For more information, please visit our website at www.ghfoundation.org and click on the link for Operation Global Vision.



WINE FOR WHEELS

"a grassroots advocacy campaign for the Wheelchair Foundation Mission"

Wine for Wheels is an International group of philanthropic volunteers, consisting of thousands of friends and colleagues, who meet all over the United States at different venues, some private, some public, to provide the awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities and to collect donations to provide wheelchairs, hope, mobility and freedom to those in need.

Register...

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Go on a distribution...

Make a difference... Please join us!



WINE FOR WHEELS AND WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION
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