

# Changing THE WORLD



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### A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



**Y**ou should come with us to give away wheelchairs sometime. It may be the best trip you ever go on.

Nothing quite puts the world in perspective like helping someone truly in need. Why? Because there are people in the world who believe that everyone else on earth has forgotten about them and that life is just meant to pass them by. There are families who have been trying to find ways to care for their children for years, without the least bit of success, because just trying to survive from day to day takes everything they have. There are people on every continent, in the most remote far off places, that have asked for help, and given up, and then given up again.

To help them is humbling. To touch the hands of these men and women, and help them with a simple gift, like a wheelchair, is life changing.

You might not expect people's shock and amazement that you actually made the effort to show up and help them, to hear their stories, and to see them, but it is worth more than I can tell you. And, the chance to see them smile, to spark the human spirit we all share, is priceless.

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

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	Liberia.....	780
Albania.....	550	Lithuania.....	1,090
Algeria.....	1,480	Macedonia.....	760
Angola.....	6,790	Madagascar.....	1,030
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Malawi.....	3,530
Argentina.....	10,741	Malaysia.....	4,040
Armenia.....	3,244	Mali.....	1,060
Australia.....	292	Malta.....	240
Azerbaijan.....	280	Marshall Islands.....	140
Bahamas.....	2,090	Mauritania.....	100
Bangladesh.....	350	Mexico.....	151,974
Barbados.....	840	Micronesia.....	1,265
Belarus.....	990	Moldova.....	1,720
Belgium.....	280	Mongolia.....	1,320
Belize.....	2,725	Montenegro.....	120
Benin.....	280	Morocco.....	5,470
Bolivia.....	5,294	Mozambique.....	1,660
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	2,040	Myanmar (Burma).....	500
Botswana.....	1,688	Namibia.....	466
Brazil.....	2,305	Nepal.....	3,275
Bulgaria.....	530	Nicaragua.....	7,405
Burundi.....	520	Niger.....	240
Cambodia.....	3,410	Nigeria.....	1,420
Canada.....	560	Northern Mariana Islands.....	410
Cape Verde.....	780	Oman.....	280
Central African Republic.....	240	Pakistan.....	3,175
Chile.....	10,448	Palestinian Territories.....	1,906
China.....	313,816	Panama.....	9,241
Colombia.....	11,255	Papua New Guinea.....	2,080
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the.....	205	Paraguay.....	2,344
Costa Rica.....	7,655	Peru.....	11,831
Croatia.....	1,300	Philippines.....	9,700
Cuba.....	1,800	Poland.....	2,700
Cyprus.....	280	Portugal.....	990
Czech Republic.....	597	Puerto Rico.....	490
Dominica.....	280	Romania.....	3,571
Dominican Republic.....	11,568	Russia.....	2,110
East Timor.....	110	Rwanda.....	2,200
Ecuador.....	8,979	Saint Lucia.....	560
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Petersburg.....	120
El Salvador.....	8,150	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	560
Eritrea.....	250	Samoa.....	1,360
Estonia.....	500	Saudi Arabia.....	20
Ethiopia.....	3,468	Senegal.....	520
Fiji.....	1,730	Serbia.....	2,370
France.....	560	Sierra Leone.....	2,340
French Polynesia.....	280	Solomon Islands.....	110
Georgia.....	1,030	Somalia.....	88
Ghana.....	2,610	South Africa.....	22,690
Greece.....	520	Spain.....	500
Grenada.....	280	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Guam.....	250	Sudan.....	280
Guatemala.....	8,623	Suriname.....	240
Guyana.....	250	Swaziland.....	1,970
Haiti.....	2,600	Syria.....	641
Honduras.....	6,494	Taiwan.....	756
Hong Kong.....	970	Tajikistan.....	480
Hungary.....	120	Tanzania.....	3,268
India.....	2,731	Thailand.....	8,300
Indonesia.....	3,340	Tibet.....	331
Iran.....	3,880	Tonga.....	500
Iraq.....	4,300	Trinidad & Tobago.....	4,684
Israel.....	7,830	Turkey.....	5,565
Italy.....	580	Turkmenistan.....	520
Jamaica.....	3,420	Uganda.....	9,664
Japan.....	1,750	Ukraine.....	5,350
Jordan.....	5,042	United States.....	32,804
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	Uruguay.....	1,632
Kenya.....	2,930	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Kiribati.....	375	Vanuatu.....	250
Korea, North.....	752	Venezuela.....	2,520
Korea, South.....	5,700	Vietnam.....	14,156
Kosovo.....	1,300	Virgin Islands (UK).....	284
Kyrgyzstan.....	1,240	Virgin Islands (US).....	280
Laos.....	780	Western Sahara.....	153
Latvia.....	740	Zambia.....	2,170
Lebanon.....	2,430	Zimbabwe.....	2,320
Lesotho.....	1,060		

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS..... 155  
TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS..... 893,939

For current totals visit [wheelchairfoundation.org](http://wheelchairfoundation.org)

## KENNETH E. BEHRING NAMED UNESCO GLOBAL AMBASSADOR



Wheelchair Foundation and Global Health and Education Foundation hosted a dinner honoring United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General Irina Bokova. The event, held at the Estate of Kenneth and Patricia Behring, was highlighted by Mr. Behring's being named UNESCO Global Ambassador, in honor of his work worldwide.

## SEVEN YEARS ON, STILL ROLLING STRONG IN HER RED WHEELCHAIR



We could not have been happier to meet up with Carmensa Forero at a handicraft store in the center of Paipa, Colombia, in March of this year. Carmensa has worked in this store for 14 years. Eleven years ago she suffered a tragic fall and broke her spine. She received one of our wheelchairs from our very first shipment of wheelchairs to Colombia in 2005/2006. The wheelchair is still in very good condition - the back wheels

having been replaced with the spare ones we send along with every container. Carmensa lives about 15 minutes away from the shop and she wheels herself to work every day. Her story of success following her accident is one that we always hope to hear, and fills our hearts with joy!

# ROTARIANS REACHING OUT IN CAPE TOWN



In March of 2010 Wheelchair Foundation received funds from the Rotary Club of Fresno, California (District 5230) for a container of 270 wheelchairs to be shipped to the Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch, South Africa (District 9350). The container of wheelchairs arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, in mid-August of 2010, and the Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch has been working to distribute them throughout Cape Town, and beyond, in South Africa over the past few months.

There is a common misconception that when wheelchairs arrive in any given county that they are simply “handed over” to people who need them. However, the process of locating individuals in need, and physically getting the wheelchairs to those people, is often incredibly complex. This is why Rotarians and Rotary clubs worldwide are invaluable in reaching the disabled wherever they may be. The Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch has reached out in numerous communities and leveraged their contacts to enable them to distribute wheelchairs to people in places that

would otherwise be neglected or overlooked. It is through these relationships built by Rotarians in their own communities that allow us to reach those who might be forgotten. Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch Rotarians were able to help disability centers, elder care facilities, clinics, hospitals and homes. The letters of thanks from organizations and individuals receiving wheelchairs are a testament about the need for wheelchairs, and the appreciation of the work Rotary does in support of local communities.

The effort put forth by the members and supporters of the Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch is commendable, but typical of the resolve and attention to detail we have witnessed in working with Rotarians globally for more than twelve years. We wish to recognize and thank Rotarians everywhere for their continued efforts to assist the disabled and less fortunate around the world. Thank you!



# "хвала!" GRACEOUS THANKS FROM SERBIA TO THE NILES ROTARY CLUB OF FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

In 2006 Rotarian Steven Lloyd was invited to a Wheelchair Foundation event in Sacramento, California, by Past Rotary International President Rick King, and he was impressed with the Foundation's achievements in providing wheelchairs to the disabled and less fortunate around the world. Steven's family had immigrated to the United States from Montenegro, so he was familiar with the suffering of the disabled in southern central Europe, and their struggles following the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, and he wanted to do something to help them.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Niles, in Fremont, California (District 5170), Steven asked his fellow club members to provide wheelchairs to the country of Serbia, and they agreed to take on the task. In July of 2006, the club hosted "A Majestic Evening of Hope," with proceeds to benefit the *Lifeline Humanitarian Organization*, the Serbian non-profit under the patronage of HRH Crown Princess Katherine. Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander II and Crown Princess Katherine were the fundraiser's guests of honor and the highlight of the evening occurred when two determined live-auction bidders paid \$14,000 each for beautiful framed and autographed photos of NBA All-Stars Vlade Divac and Peja Stojakovic, who were both in attendance.



The project met with several challenges, but eventually was able to provide a full container of 280 brand new wheelchairs and an additional \$40,000 in medical supplies to *Lifeline Humanitarian Organization*.

In October, 2011, Steven Lloyd and his mother, Marcia Lloyd-Kovac, traveled to Serbia to attend the formal donation ceremony at the Royal Palace in Belgrade, and to personally deliver wheelchairs to recipients. Steven and Marcia were received by 7'1" NBA basketball star Vlade Divac, who welcomed the distribution team to his country. Members of the Royal Medical Board and 14 hospital directors from across Serbia, who had helped in identifying wheelchair recipients, were among those assembled beneath the palace's white marble colonnade. Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine led the ceremony, thanking everyone who helped make the event possible.

"I wasn't prepared for the emotional impact," Steven would say later, describing his trip. "The instant gratification of actually helping people into their brand new beautiful wheelchairs – it makes you want to give more and more." One recipient, with tears of joy in his eyes, kissed Steven's mother on the hand as a gesture of thanks. "Such a small donation makes such a huge difference," Steven added. "It was an incredible experience."

LEFT: <<<< Rotarian Steven Lloyd and his mother, Marcia, at the Royal Palace in Belgrade. <<<< ABOVE: <<<< Vlade Divac, Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander II and Crown Princess Katherine, Steven and Marcia and with wheelchair recipients at the official donation in Belgrade, Serbia. <<<<



## cabo san lucas

In January of 2012, the First Lady of Baja California, Maria Elena de Covarrubias, with Wheelchair Foundation founder Ken Behring, joined with a group to distribute wheelchairs. The group included Club *Puros Amigos*, local Rotarians, DIF (a Mexican aid organization), an esteemed group of longtime Foundation supporters, and Pete Petrovich, *Drive Fore Mobility* coordinator and 2011 *Spirit of Mobility* honoree. *Drive Fore Mobility*, our annual golf tournament, has raised over \$1,500,000 to help deliver wheelchairs. It also supports a special trip to Cabo San Lucas each year to provide wheelchairs to locals in need.

One of the most memorable activities during our trip was the chance to head out to the homes of those who could not make it to our main distribution site, the Pabellon Cultural Center, to receive a wheelchair. Life can be very difficult for locals who don't have the luxury of transportation or mobility. Having no wheelchair means they are home-bound and unable to fulfill even their most basic daily needs, meaning a wheelchair can be the difference between living and dying here.

When you leave the touristy resort areas of Cabo San Lucas, you soon find the very poor areas that exist here. It is here where we meet an elderly gentleman suffering from a failing kidney. He lives in a very small one-room home with his wife. The dirt entry way was swept clean as we arrive, and the tiny home open to welcome us. We learn that he has to travel to the local hospital twice a week for kidney dialysis. If the local ambulance is not being used, they will offer to come and pick him up to take him to the hospital. If the ambulance is busy, he can either gather all his change and take a taxi, if he can find one, or push himself in his wheelchair along the dirt roads to the hospital. He would not be alive today without having access to a wheelchair. His mobility allows him to receive his kidney dialysis and continue living.



This Page Top to Bottom: <<<< Club Puros Amigos, local Rotarians, and Wheelchair Foundation staff and volunteers get wheelchairs unpacked and ready for distribution at the Pabellon Cultural Center. <<<< David Behring, Beau Trost, Fernando Palacios Garduno, Gloria Gabarian Alvarez de Agundez, Roy and Betty Ruff, pose with a gentleman who will no longer be home-bound now that he has a wheelchair to get around. <<<< Facing Page: Happy mother and daughter, recipients of a specialized wheelchair at Liga Mac. <<<< George and Donnalei Sumner goofing around with two local kids at our wheelchair distribution in Cabo San Lucas. <<<<



Further away, we find a man living by himself in a one-room shack on the outskirts of town. He suffers from diabetes and had lost one of his legs to the disease some time ago, rendering him unable to walk. Living by himself in such a small shack, and not having a kitchen to cook in, means he must travel twice a day in his wheelchair to his daughter's house several blocks away to eat his meals. Having a wheelchair not only gives him the opportunity to take his meals, but also to visit with his daughter and her family, giving him something to look forward to every day. Tears of joy were his visible thanks to us. We departed knowing that he could leave his home each day to eat and experience the love of his family.



Another unforgettable experience was visiting Liga Mac a local charity that provides food aid, educational programs and medical treatment to families in San Jose del Cabo. On request from the charity's director, we were able to provide three very specialized wheelchairs for three very special children. UCP/Wheels for Humanity in North Hollywood, California, was very helpful in building these pediatric wheelchairs to accommodate each child's specific needs. Three very happy families were on hand to receive these wheelchairs and work with local physical therapists to learn how to get the most out of this new equipment.

Although the events that have allowed us the opportunity to do this work had long passed, we all agreed that we will do it all again so we can soon return to beautiful Cabo San Lucas!

## GEORGE AND DONNALEI SUMNER



Long time Wheelchair Foundation supporter and world-renowned environmental impressionist artist George Sumner and his lovely wife, Donnalei, have contributed extremely generously to the mission of Wheelchair Foundation, donating masterpieces for auction at fundraising events and serving as congenial ambassadors of our cause wherever they go.

George and Donnalei share the life philosophy that "You can always make a difference!" This ideal was on display as the couple rolled up their sleeves and helped with the distribution of wheelchairs in some of the poorest areas surrounding Cabo San Lucas. "George always has a smile on his face and just wants to make everyone around him happy," says Wheelchair Foundation's Charli Butterfield, "You couldn't ask for a better traveling companion when doing this kind of work."

This was evident when, at a wheelchair recipient's home, Donnalei spontaneously produced a set of ink pens so her husband could go to work drawing a beautiful seascape on the side of an elderly housebound woman's new wheelchair. When she saw what George had created for her, the stunned woman burst into tears of joy. Before long, everyone present was wiping their eyes and hugging one another. George repeated this gesture later the same day, attracting a captivated crowd of onlookers as he deftly drew beautiful whales on the side of a little girl's new wheelchair. Watching her husband work from a distance, Donnalei said "They received a wheelchair, but George and I are the ones who truly get the gift!"

# season highlights



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: <<<< Go Navy for Wheels supporter Karin Ball at the recent 2011 Gordon Holmes greets a arriving wheelchair user in Africa. <<<< Smiles all around as Ken and Patricia and their children who benefit from the gift of a wheelchair prepare for the arrival of wheelchair recipient William Wonder, in Accra, Ghana, happy to be on the internet, her need for a wheelchair was brought to our attention. In turn contacted us, and we were able to provide a wheelchair through the Development and Relief Programme, in Accra, Ghana. First Lady of Baja California Sur, Mexico, Mrs. Patricia San Lucas. <<<< Gordon Holmes and Nohemi Holmes being donated by socially responsible mining company Club of Kristenbosch's donation to local children the opportunity to be mobile. Awesome work Robert Petrovich and Dyan Han with one of the many children at Behring and this year's Wine for Wheels Honor event raising event at the Blackhawk Muesum in Dan







y! Our long time friend and volunteer, John Reese, with Wine  
 012 Wine for Wheels "Cotton Club" themed Charity Ball. <<<<  
 recipient in Bamako, Mali during his recent trip to western  
 Behring enjoy the opportunity to meet the men, women and  
 chair. <<<< Wheelchair Foundation's own Lee Winter helping  
 ts in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. <<<< Salem Noshie and her  
 to have a new red wheelchair. Proving the true power of the  
 nt to our attention by someone she asked for help online. They  
 provide her with a wheelchair through our partner, Ministerial  
 <<<< Wheelchair Foundation President, David Behring, with  
 Maria Elena de Covarrubias, at our recent distribution in Cabo  
 ume Couilably pose with a gentleman receiving a wheelchair  
 g companies prospecting in Mali, west Africa. <<<< Rotary  
 dren's homes and care facilities enables this young man the  
 ptarians! <<<< Rhonda Petrovich, Lee Winter, Miki Seki, Pete  
 y new wheelchair recipients in Cabo San Lucas. <<<< Malissa  
 ree Martha Hertelendy at a recent Wheelchair Foundation fund  
 nville, California. <<<<



# WINE FOR WHEELS 2012 CHARITY BALL

-BY JEFF BEHRING



**O**n February 25th of this year, Wine for Wheels held their Tenth Annual Wheelchair Foundation Charity Ball at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA. The “Cotton Club” themed event helped raise funds and awareness of those in need of mobility. This year’s event included a champagne sabering demonstration and “Wine Talk” by Catherine Fallis, *America’s Premiere Female Master Sommelier*, along with great food, spectacular wines, and dancing to the musical stylings of Club Nouveau.

This year’s Wine for Wheels “Honoree” recognition was bestowed upon Martha Hertelendy, and the award for “Volunteer of the Year” was presented to Charli Butterfield.

Martha has been our elected Wheelchair Foundation traveling photographer while assisting in delivering wheelchairs to more than 20 countries. “When you request pictures from her, she gives you disks full!” says Jeff Behing, Founder of Wine for Wheels. Her beautiful photographs have been displayed and enjoyed globally by many.



She loves to volunteer and has attended Wheelchair Foundation and Wine for Wheels events for the past 10 years. She has always given her time, energy and love to her favorite charities. We are thankful and blessed to be one of them. She loves the Wheelchair Foundation so much; she has encouraged many of her friends and family to get involved. The Wheelchair Foundation and its supporters have had the honor to work, travel, dine and enjoy good wine (but it must be French!) with Martha.

Martha, thank you for honoring us with your friendship and humanitarian passion!

*“Martha Hertelendy is by far  
one of the nicest, most sincere and  
generous people I have known.”*





We asked Martha Hertelendy to tell us about working with Wheelchair Foundation, her experiences photographing poverty, individuals with disabilities, and those parts of the world that others seldom see. Here is how the 2012 Wine for Wheels Honoree replied:

*"I am honored to be associated with the Wheelchair Foundation, and have enjoyed very much attending the distribution of wheelchairs, which is a humbling and moving experience. I am grateful for having been able to record some of the distributions."*

*"Photography is a powerful tool. It can convey images that influence what we perceive, and our opinions are formed by our perceptions. When I photograph the disabled, I try to capture their strong spirit more than their pain. The pain is evident: loss of a limb, illness, inability to move without assistance. Their strength is conveyed through their eyes, their expression, their posture. It is admirable that the disabled and their families endure lifetimes of suffering yet remain resilient and hopeful. My intention is that viewers' hearts open to them through my photos."*

*"The Wheelchair Foundation not only changes the lives of the recipients, but also those of their families. It is amazing how one wheelchair can transform so many people's lives. In some societies, disabled children are hidden because they reflect negatively on the family. New, shiny wheelchairs give them not only mobility but also recognition of their existence."*

*"I've often mentioned that I hide behind the camera when traveling with the Wheelchair Foundation. The suffering of the disabled and their families are too palpable, and it's easier to hide tears behind lenses. I try to record images so that others can also appreciate their needs. Their joy in getting wheelchairs is equally uplifting. The Wheelchair Foundation brings out the best in humanity and is a Goodwill Ambassador to the world."*

Martha's work has been exhibited at the International House at UC Berkeley, the Peruvian Consulate in San Francisco, the World Affairs Council in San Francisco and at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris.



**"There is only one Charli. She's ours, and you can't have her."**

Charli Butterfield has worked for Wheelchair Foundation's Founder, Ken Behring, for more than 20 years, starting out as a crew member for the Seattle Seahawks. Charli has been working full time in our Blackhawk headquarters as a "Jack of All Trades" ever since.

She has traveled to more than 107 countries giving away wheelchairs and humanitarian aid. She has been with the Wheelchair Foundation from its beginning, and is renowned as our "KEB donor trip friend and coordinator extraordinaire!" If she's not organizing a Wheelchair Foundation donor trip on Mr. Behring's private MD-87 aircraft to far off places like Africa, Asia and the Middle East, she is busy helping with Wine for Wheels, or our annual *Drive For Mobility* golf tournament, or the Blackhawk Museum's "Bargain Basement" sale.

"Charli, 'the auction item coordinator' for our major events, is one of my most significant volunteers. She always knows what to do, when to do it, and all without having to be asked. You've got to love that, or at least I do... since I'm usually in 'crazy mode' the week before every large event we host," quipped Jeff.

For her selfless and undaunted volunteerism, we recognize Charli Butterfield as "Wine for Wheels Volunteer of the Year, 2012."

# Corporate Karma

For more than a year, Gordon Holmes and Wheelchair Foundation had been working on getting wheelchairs to the countries of Ghana and Mali in western Africa. That process seemed to take forever. Then suddenly, like awakening from a dream, we were there, 7,000 miles away from home, a 13 hour drive from where we landed the night before, and marching through the streets of a city named "Wa."

Gordon has been an ardent supporter of Wheelchair Foundation for years. He owns Lookout Ridge Winery in Kenwood, California, and donates a wheelchair for every bottle of current release and library wine he sells. He is also the man behind "The Gold Report," just one facet of Streetwise Reports, his e-publication empire. It is because gold we are in Africa.

Mining companies are prospecting and digging all over the world and Gordon is convincing them that giving back to the communities where they work generates good corporate karma. Keegan Resources, Inc., Legend Gold Corp., and African Gold Group were three of the first to sign on, sponsoring wheelchairs for the people of Ghana and Mali.

We find ourselves in Wa, Ghana, marching through the streets with several hundred blind, hearing impaired and disabled Ghanaians as part of the United Nation's International Day of Persons with Disabilities. When the parade is over, we will donate wheelchairs to the Ghana Federation of the Disabled. Then we will get back in our vehicles and drive nine hours back along the road that brought us here.

In Ghana we donate wheelchairs in Wa, Kumasi, and Accra, with the remainder of the 260 wheelchairs being distributed equally to 10 regions throughout the country. In Mali the 260 wheelchairs will be distributed near the capital city of Bamako, and to nearby towns and remote villages in the southern part of the country.

Gordon is a trouper. There are few stops, rough roads, and long, long days of travel. He does this work with a constant smile on his face, and for deeper personal reasons; for the opportunity to help those who have given up hope. For those who are trapped at home because they have no mobility, and to show others how powerful the simple gesture of providing a wheelchair can be.







Counter-clockwise from above: <<<< **GOLD**Travel to one of the markets in Mali's capital, Bamako, and you will find friendly goldsmiths willing and ready to make anything you'd like from this precious metal. <<<< **"By helping these women you have made all the women of Mali happy,"** we heard from friends of these three wheelchair recipients. <<<< Sanankoroba, Kati, Koulikoro, Mali, we met this young man who had crawled on hands and knees for most of his life. **"He continually asked for someone to help him, and on this day we were able to deliver!"** commented Isaac Coulibaly of AGEMPEM, our partners for this distribution in Mali. <<<< Prior to one wheelchair distribution in Accra, Ghana, with Ministerial Development and Relief Programme, we spoke with this group of disabled young men about life in Ghana with a disability and no wheelchair. They shared their stories of limited mobility, discrimination and day-to-day survival. One young man quietly asked us **"What is a wheelchair?"** not knowing, never having had a chance to use one before today. <<<< At the hospital adjoining Mali's Center for Vaccine Development we see the men, women and children who will immediately benefit from our donation of wheelchairs. A young man with a bandaged leg sat down in a wheelchair, a doctor standing nearby patted him on the shoulder. **"We are cutting that leg off today, so your gift came right in time,"** we were told. <<<< Buaka, a recipient who lives north of Bamako, shares a laugh with Gordon, and can hardly contain his joy. <<<< With the help of African Gold Group, Nohoume Coulibaly, and the generosity of Merrex Gold Inc., we were able to reach and help people in very remote areas. Geologists and Engineers assisted in identifying need in small villages that would otherwise have been missed completely because they are so far away from the nearest town. The local children found Gordon to be quite the curiosity. <<<<





# CREATE A LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

## GIVE THE GIFT YOU HAVE ALWAYS INTENDED

From the desk of David Behring . . .



Dear Friends,

Whether through an outright gift or a 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.

### **Bequest**

The easiest and most popular way for you to continue to help us in the coming years may be through a simple estate gift in your will or living trust. A bequest is completely revocable while you are living and can provide an important and significant gift to Wheelchair Foundation. Bequests may be funded with cash, securities, real estate or other assets.

### **Beneficiary Gift**

You may also name Wheelchair Foundation as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, insurance policy or other cash accounts. Also revocable, this gift can provide important assistance to the work of the Wheelchair Foundation at your passing without requiring you to relinquish any current assets or significantly change your existing estate or other financial plans.

### **Charitable Trust**

Another idea is a "life income plan." In exchange for your immediate and irrevocable gift of cash or appreciated assets, charitable remainder trusts provide an important gift to Wheelchair Foundation. Charitable trusts also provide immediate income, capital gain and estate tax savings, as well as a lifetime or term-of-years income stream to you or your selected beneficiaries.

Please help Wheelchair Foundation continue its long tradition of striving to provide mobility to everyone who needs it by creating a legacy through planned giving. Contact me to let us know your thoughts regarding your estate plan after you seek independent legal advice from a qualified estate planning attorney.

We at the Wheelchair Foundation thank you for your generous support as we approach Founder Ken Behring's goal of 1,000,000 wheelchairs. Together we are putting smiles on the faces and hope in the hearts of so many deserving recipients and their families throughout the world.

Sincerely,

David Behring, President  
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