

Changing

THE WORLD



FALL 2013

A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



This has been quite a year! This spring we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the city of Tamarac, Florida, which we chartered and built back in the 1960's. The city leaders threw us a party and the town's people came out to greet us and celebrate!

This summer we had the finals of National History Day here in the United States, and then shortly after, the finals for Global Natural History Day in China, which is in its second year now.

Then, in September, I was one of 50 folks from around the world to receive a *National Friendship Award* for 2013 from the country of China. They wanted to recognize Wheelchair Foundation, our International Museums Partnership and Global Natural History Day programs, all of which are very active and admired in China.

I started the Behring Fellows Leadership Institute this year, to identify and help nurture the next generation of world leaders. This is tough though, because "leadership" is hard to define. It may be that leadership is as much a quality a person has to identify within themselves, as it is something others bestow upon them. "You know it, when you see it," they say of leadership. Well, I see "it" in the individuals featured in this issue of *Changing the World*: Don Routh and his son, Josh, Hector Manley, Rotarians, our donors and supporters, and the recipients of our wheelchairs and their families and everyone else who does not fear adversity, or a challenge, and pursues their goals to better mankind and change the world.

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

Afghanistan.....	7,150	Lithuania.....	1,090
Albania.....	550	Macedonia.....	760
Algeria.....	1,480	Madagascar.....	1,030
Angola.....	6,790	Malawi.....	3,530
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Malaysia.....	4,040
Argentina.....	11,009	Mali.....	1,060
Armenia.....	3,244	Malta.....	240
Australia.....	292	Marshall Islands.....	140
Azerbaijan.....	280	Mauritania.....	100
Bahamas.....	2,190	Mexico.....	159,264
Bangladesh.....	350	Micronesia.....	1,265
Barbados.....	1,120	Moldova.....	1,720
Belarus.....	990	Mongolia.....	1,320
Belgium.....	280	Montenegro.....	120
Belize.....	2,835	Morocco.....	5,470
Benin.....	280	Mozambique.....	1,660
Bolivia.....	5,294	Myanmar (Burma).....	500
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	2,040	Namibia.....	466
Botswana.....	1,688	Nepal.....	3,275
Brazil.....	2,305	Nicaragua.....	8,225
Bulgaria.....	530	Niger.....	240
Burundi.....	520	Nigeria.....	1,420
Cambodia.....	3,630	Northern Mariana Islands.....	410
Canada.....	560	Oman.....	280
Cape Verde.....	780	Pakistan.....	3,175
Central African Republic.....	240	Palestinian Territories.....	1,906
Chile.....	11,108	Panama.....	9,801
China.....	340,101	Papua New Guinea.....	2,080
Colombia.....	12,355	Paraguay.....	2,344
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the.....	205	Peru.....	12,367
Costa Rica.....	8,465	Philippines.....	10,360
Croatia.....	1,300	Poland.....	2,700
Cuba.....	1,800	Portugal.....	990
Cyprus.....	280	Puerto Rico.....	490
Czech Republic.....	597	Romania.....	3,571
Dominica.....	280	Russia.....	2,110
Dominican Republic.....	8,958	Rwanda.....	2,200
East Timor.....	110	Saint Lucia.....	560
Ecuador.....	9,249	Saint Petersburg.....	120
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	560
El Salvador.....	9820	Samoa.....	1,360
Eritrea.....	250	Saudi Arabia.....	20
Estonia.....	500	Senegal.....	520
Ethiopia.....	3,468	Serbia.....	2,370
Fiji.....	1,840	Seychelles.....	10
France.....	560	Sierra Leone.....	2,340
French Polynesia.....	280	Slovenia.....	110
Georgia.....	1,030	Solomon Islands.....	110
Ghana.....	2,610	Somalia.....	88
Greece.....	520	South Africa.....	22,800
Grenada.....	280	Spain.....	500
Guam.....	250	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Guatemala.....	8,853	Sudan.....	280
Guyana.....	250	Suriname.....	240
Haiti.....	5,320	Swaziland.....	1,970
Honduras.....	6,764	Syria.....	641
Hong Kong.....	970	Taiwan.....	756
Hungary.....	120	Tajikistan.....	480
India.....	2,731	Tanzania.....	3,528
Indonesia.....	3,340	Thailand.....	8,410
Iran.....	3,880	Tibet.....	331
Iraq.....	4,300	To Be Determined.....	975
Israel.....	7,830	Tonga.....	500
Italy.....	580	Trinidad & Tobago.....	5,504
Jamaica.....	3,530	Turkey.....	5,565
Japan.....	1,750	Turkmenistan.....	520
Jordan.....	5,042	Uganda.....	9,664
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	Ukraine.....	5,350
Kenya.....	2,930	United States.....	34,285
Kiribati.....	375	Uruguay.....	1,632
Korea, North.....	752	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Korea, South.....	5,700	Vanuatu.....	250
Kosovo.....	1,300	Venezuela.....	2,520
Kyrgyzstan.....	1,240	Vietnam.....	14,476
Laos.....	780	Virgin Islands (UK).....	284
Latvia.....	740	Virgin Islands (US).....	280
Lebanon.....	2,430	Western Sahara.....	153
Lesotho.....	1,060	Zambia.....	2,646
Liberia.....	780	Zimbabwe.....	2,320

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS.....150+
TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS.....940,675

WHEELCHAIR WEDNESDAY INITIATIVE PAYS OFF FOR NELSON MANDELA BAY, SOUTH AFRICA



Wheelchair Foundation Founder Kenneth E. Behring joins longtime friend Douglas Cockcroft to distribute 110 wheelchairs in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. Douglas' *Splitting Image Taxidermy* sponsored and promoted *Wheelchair Wednesday*, an awareness building campaign that challenged able-bodied individuals to "spend four hours in a wheelchair and change a life!"

A SPECIAL DELIVERY TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES



Travel 932 miles off the coast of eastern Africa and you will find 115 islands that make up the Republic of Seychelles. During a recent stop on a trip around the world, Wheelchair Foundation was able to deliver ten standard wheelchairs to residents in need of mobility. A brief handover ceremony was held at the School for the Exceptional Child, whose pupils received wheelchairs. Other wheelchairs were presented to the Sisters of Charity, and the North East Point Old Age Home. A specialized positioning wheelchair was presented to Yva Valmonte, an eight-year-old girl with cerebral palsy, who was brought to our attention by members of the Rotary Club of Victoria, Seychelles. Special thanks to our friends at Hope Haven International Ministries in Iowa, for building Yva's wheelchair so we could deliver it to her.



SCHOOLS - MOBILITY - LEADERSHIP YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BY EVA CARLETON

Don Routh and his son Joshua recently returned from their 22nd wheelchair distribution trip – this time to Guatemala. There is always a group of three that travel together: Don and Josh Routh and their friend Bill Wheeler. This time, however, they were also joined by six teachers from Lydiksen Elementary School in Pleasanton, California.

The idea for the “From the Heart” Schools Program started at Treeview Elementary School in Hayward, California, where the students raised several hundred dollars to sponsor wheelchairs for other children in need. Don, Josh and Bill would go on the distribution trips and bring back photos of the children who received the wheelchairs for the students who had raised the money. Given the success from one single classroom, Don, Josh and Bill volunteered to expand the program to the entire Pleasanton School District. In 2012-2013, eight elementary, middle, and high schools participated in the first year’s pilot, raising enough money to give mobility to 100 recipients in Guatemala.

ABOVE: <<< Left to Right: Lydiksen Elementary School teachers Lauren Murphy, Kim Hereld, Heideh Farahmand-Thomason, Alissa DeFietas, Linda DeVetter, Arlene Simpelo and “From the Heart” program organizer Josh Routh in Guatemala. <<< RIGHT: <<< Alissa DeFietas and Linda DeVetter with a young man receiving a wheelchair sponsored by their students.



Linda DeVetter, a teacher from Lydiksen elementary school who went to Guatemala, shared:

“Meeting each recipient made the entire experience very meaningful. I have shared some of the pictures of people in their new wheelchairs, and it makes it very real and concrete for my students. I tell them, ‘This is who Lydiksen gave a wheelchair to,’ and they get a sweet smile on their faces. I am looking forward to the next distribution.”

The pilot program provided a great learning experience. Participating students heard about the need for mobility around the world and they gained experience in raising funds in a variety of fun ways. They discovered more about Central America and wrote letters in Spanish to the wheelchair recipients (who wrote letters back!). They experimented with using wheelchairs in and around their classrooms, acknowledged the challenges it caused - realizing that the schools were not as accessible as they had thought - and got firsthand experience with the challenges faced by those with disabilities.

For Don Routh and the Wheelchair Foundation, this school program is much more than a good way to raise funds. Don Routh: "We started to raise awareness among the students about the need for mobility, and also to sensitize them on how to interact with people with disabilities. You should not feel sorry for someone in a wheelchair; you should feel sorry for someone who does not have a wheelchair!"

For the 2013-2014 school year, elementary, junior high, and high school students from 53 schools are participating in the "From the Heart" Schools Program. We are very excited to welcome Pleasanton, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, San Leandro, Hayward and Oakland, California school districts to this project! Hope for the future! Leadership in Action!

GUATEMALA FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 14,373,472 (JULY 2013 EST.)
 NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 20.716 MILLION (2011 EST.)
 MEDIAN AGE: 20.7
 AVERAGE INCOME: \$15 PER DAY
 POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE: 54%
 WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 8,853
 ESTIMATED NEED: 431,204
 PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 2% OR 1:48



ABOVE: <<< Students from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California, held a Pigskin Roast and raised \$300 for wheelchairs! <<<
 BELOW: <<< All hands on deck in preparation for one of several wheelchair distributions in Guatemala.



Dear Chloe,

My name is Cristiana Morales. I don't have words to thank you for my wheelchair. I am 61 years old, and I imagine you like an angel that I encountered on my way. From my heart, I wish that God blesses you for your goodness. And congratulations to your parents for having a child so full of love and compassion for others.

- Cristiana

WHEELCHAIRS FOR FIJI



ABOVE: <<< Long time Wheelchair Foundation supporter Chetan Heyer (far left) and Rotary Club of Fiji President Andrew Hughes (third from left) and others at the 2013 Vodafone Hibiscus Festival main stage at Albert Park in Suva, Fiji. This was just part of ten days of wheelchair distribution throughout the island nation.

Travel to Australia and then head east, into the South Pacific. If you go far enough you will eventually find the 332 islands that make up Fiji. This tropical island paradise sees between 400,000 and 500,000 tourists a year. With nearly 900,000 residents, there also exists a need for wheelchairs.

For several years now, Chetan Singh Heyer, a former resident of Ba, Fiji, now residing in California, has worked to provide wheelchairs throughout this remote island nation. This year, with the help of the Anthony Robbins Foundation, the Vodafone ATH Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Kish Jha and Friends, the Peninsula Gujarati Association of the San Francisco Bay Area and Wine for Wheels, Mr. Heyer and others were able to provide 110 wheelchairs to Fijians in need of mobility.

“There is a huge demand for wheelchairs in Fiji,” says Mr. Rosan Lal, Executive Director for Action for Children and the Aged. “These wheelchairs will serve as a tool for the disabled to enjoy life and get around. A wheelchair provides an opportunity for a person to be more productive and even make a living.”

The 110 wheelchairs were distributed in 13 locations over a ten day period. Wheelchairs were presented to, and distributed by, the Savusavu Rotary Club, the Labasa Rotary Club, the Labasa Lions Club, the Kidney Foundation of Fiji, the Father Law Home, the

Old People’s Home, Soroptimist International, ATH Foundation and the Fiji Ministry of Health.

The president of the Rotary Club of Fiji, Mr. Adrian Hughes, commented, “Wheelchairs are one of the most resourceful elements in the lives of the disabled in our communities. One thing that is very evident is that people are working in a collaborative effort to assist one another and mainly the people in need.”

Our thanks and gratitude to everyone involved in making this distribution of wheelchairs possible.

FIJI FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 896,758 (JULY 2013 EST.)
 NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 727,000 (2011 EST.)
 MEDIAN AGE: 27.6
 AVERAGE INCOME: \$13 PER DAY
 POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE: 31%
WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 1840
ESTIMATED NEED: 26,902
 PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 14.6% OR 1:7

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All event hosts will have the opportunity to join the Wheelchair Foundation in delivering wheelchairs to an annual *Wine for Wheels* designated wheelchair delivery project!

For more information contact Jeff Behring at 925-648-3829 or e-mail jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org

www.wineforwheels.org

season highlights

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COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: <<< Happiness is a new soccer ball in Guatemala! <<< Wheelchair Foundation continues to provide wheelchairs to Honor Flights projects across the U.S. allowing our veteran heroes the opportunity to visit the memorials that honor them in our nation's capital. <<< Douglas Cockcroft of Splitting Image Taxidermy in South Africa, unloads wheelchairs to be distributed throughout Nelson Mandela Bay. <<< Josh Routh embraces a wheelchair recipient at a recent distribution in Guatemala. Having Josh, a wheelchair rider himself, present and participating in wheelchair distribution provides recipients with a connection that is deeply meaningful, often expressed without a single word being spoken. <<< El Salvador Sur Rotary Club members continue to identify and provide assistance to hundreds of disabled throughout their country. A strong connection to their communities means Rotarians often know where aid will be most beneficial to its recipients.





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: <<< Bill Wheeler, a longtime Wheelchair Foundation supporter and owner of Black Tie Limousine in Pleasanton, California, making a home delivery in Guatemala. <<< Wheelchair Foundation Florida's annual Golf Tournament attracts local All Stars (from left to right) Basketball Hall of Fame member Dave Cowens, Hector Manley, NFL quarterback Billy Kilmer, PGA Golf Pro Bob Murphy and Wheelchair Foundation Florida President Jack Drury. <<< Kenneth E. Behring and Assistant City Manager, Diane Phillips, celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Tamarac, in Florida, U.S.A. <<< Big Picture Video Founder and documentary filmmaker, Jeff Robertson, Hector Manley and his adoptive father, Don Manley, headed out into rural El Salvador to deliver a wheelchair to an 80-year-old stroke victim in need of mobility. <<< School teacher Linda Devetter and local Rotarians help seat a young man in a new wheelchair in Guatemala. A distribution made possible by the *From the Heart* project being rolled out in northern California elementary, middle and high schools in 2013-2014.



EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR GIVES BACK TO EL SALVADOR

BY DAVID BEHRING



ABOVE: <<< It was hard to miss the 40 Americans in their bright *Paddling for a Purpose* t-shirts, joined here by Salvadoran Rotarians, in white. Together they distributed wheelchairs throughout El Salvador, raising awareness of the needs of the disabled and less fortunate. <<< BELOW RIGHT: <<< Hector Manley with Jesus, a gentleman the group happened upon while visiting a Rotary project in the community of El Milagro.

In July of 2013, a group of 40 Americans, including Rotarians from Ohio and Florida, traveled to El Salvador. There, they joined 20 local San Salvador Sur Rotarians and paid a visit to the small community known as El Milagro (The Miracle), home to roughly 145 individuals and located two hours from the capital city, San Salvador. The purpose of their journey was to visit a Rotary project and discuss several new proposed projects for the community. While touring El Milagro, the group came across Jesus, a 47-year-old man with a neuromuscular disease. Jesus was unable to move about by himself, and spent his time repairing phones in an old wooden chair. The group of visiting Rotarians had one wheelchair in their bus, and quickly went to retrieve it. Fortuitous or pre-destined, Jesus's life was suddenly changed forever.

Two days later, in the village of El Guayabo, Floridian Hector Manley learned of an 80-year-old man who had recently suffered a severe stroke, and had only a dilapidated wheelchair to use during his recovery. Hector grabbed a wheelchair and climbed into a local police truck to make a personal delivery to the gentleman. Many of us were now convinced that there was a purpose as to why we encountered these two "forgotten" men.





ABOVE: <<< Hector Manley and his adoptive father, Don Manley, deliver a much needed wheelchair to an 81-year-old stroke victim in the village of El Guayabo. <<< BELOW: <<< Hector poses with 18-year-old wheelchair recipient, Manuel, and member of the local police force assisting in the distribution of wheelchairs in rural El Salvador.

Twelve years earlier in this same small village, Hector was an 11-year-old El Salvadorian boy who tragically lost both his legs during one of the worst earthquakes to ever hit Latin America. He was just one of many innocent victims that day. In the aftermath of the earthquake a group of Rotarians from Ohio befriended him and helped him with his medical expenses and subsequent recovery. Eventually, two of those Rotarians, Don and Karen Manley, adopted him, thereby providing him with two families, as he continued his education and rehabilitation in the United States.



Through his own personal experience Hector knew there were many people in his home country that lacked mobility and the resources to buy a wheelchair. He also was keenly aware that many of the returning wounded veterans of the United States Armed Forces were going to need help as they readjusted to civilian life. Consequently, Hector came up with a project called "Paddling for a Purpose." His idea was to kayak down the entire 2700 mile length of the Mississippi River, with his adopted father, during the summer of 2012. Through his friends, family, social media, Rotarians and business sponsors, Hector raised over \$37,000. These funds were split between the Wheelchair Foundation and the Wounded Warriors Project. The Wheelchair Foundation matched Hector's donation and sent 270 wheelchairs to his home country, El Salvador.

This five day trip to El Salvador in July of 2013 is a story of family, Rotary and "giving back." Surrounded by 20 of his family members and all of them decked out in matching bright neon shirts, along with the Rotarians from two countries accompanying them, Hector's group made an impact everywhere they went. The group brought gifts for the local children, made hospital and Rotary project visits, and gave out wheelchairs. For their generosity, in return they received friendship and huge smiles. At the main wheelchair distribution, one hundred people were

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PADDLING FOR A PURPOSE



ABOVE: <<< LEFT TO RIGHT: Rotarian and Wheelchair Foundation President, David Behring, with Hector Manley's El Salvadoran mother and father, and Hector himself, in the village where Hector grew up. <<< BELOW: <<< The group of traveling American and local Rotarians were treated to a feast and party at Hector's parent's home. Visting and local children alike, enjoyed the opportunity to take a swing at the many pinatas and the shared the sweet treats inside.



lined up outside the gate, eagerly anticipating the receipt of much needed wheelchairs. Twenty people from one particular town had traveled three hours in an old bus to make it to the distribution site. Some of those in line were carried in by relatives, some had old crutches, and others were using worn out wheelchairs that were falling apart. Everyone present volunteered, assisting with the process and helping in any way possible, and the distribution of wheelchairs went smoothly.

Old age, birth defects and amputations from complications caused by diabetes were among the main causes of the disabilities that were observed. Poor pre-natal health care is also a primary reason for the birth defects. Diabetes is endemic to many Latin American countries, and has seen a sharp increase in recent years.

As a Rotarian, I was relieved to only see a few polio cases, and they were middle aged men. The lack of mobility due to aging will always produce a need for wheelchairs. Our oldest recipient on this trip was 102, and didn't retire from farming until age 92.

After the wheelchair distribution, the group drove to Hector's hometown. His birth family made a wonderful meal for the visiting American guests, and the kids from both countries took turns knocking the "stuffing" out of two piñatas. Hector walked us down the rocky and uneven path to his school, which was a rough descent with his prosthetic legs. As a group, we quickly realized why his families agreed that it would be better for him to live in the United States. It was an honor for us to witness the strength and love of both of Hector's families, the power of Rotary in the world, and the resilience and compassion of this remarkable young man "to give back" because strangers helped him so much during his time of need.

EL SALVADOR FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 6,108,590 (JULY 2013 EST.)
NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 8.316 MILLION (2011 EST.)
MEDIAN AGE: 25.1
AVERAGE INCOME: \$21 PER DAY
POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE: 36.5%
WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 9,820
ESTIMATED NEED: 183,325
PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 5.4% OR 1:19

COMING IN 2014

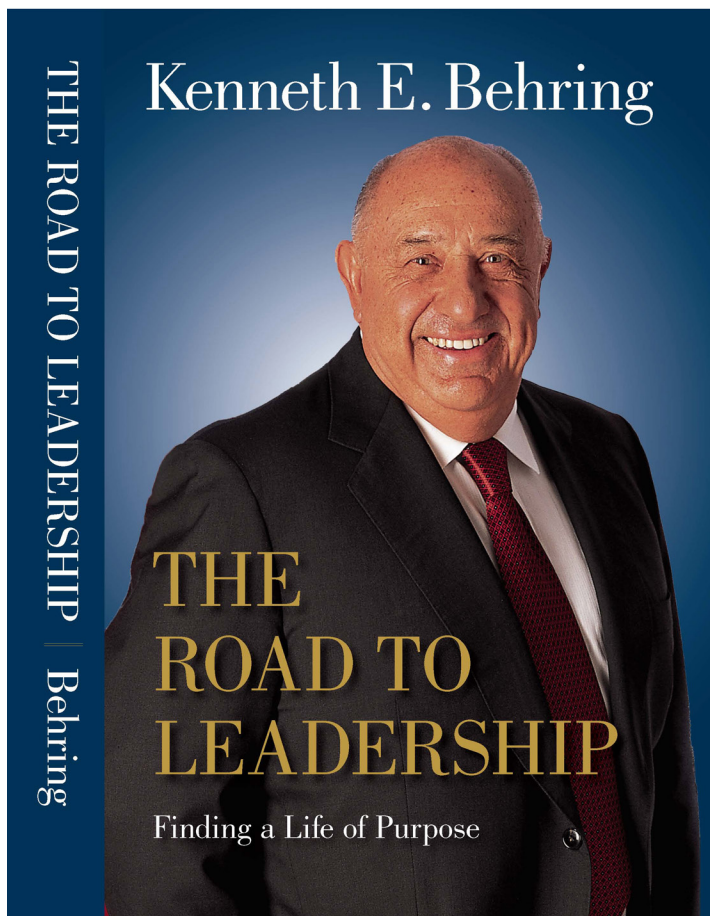


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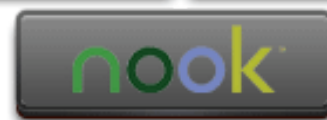
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MY DREAM, PERSONALLY DELIVERING A WHEELCHAIR SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, CAME TRUE A DREAM COME TRUE!

BY ELISABETH LEVY

In March of 2013 a friend asked me to join her in making HER dream come true: a trip to Africa.

I exchanged e-mails with the Wheelchair Foundation Operations staff, and on August 21, two friends, my two grandchildren and I departed for Arusha, Tanzania. I was skeptical. Would I really be able to deliver a wheelchair?

On our first day we learned there were THREE wheelchairs to be delivered. In the brand new "Plasterhouse," a place for children with orthopedic problems, we found Emanuel, age 20, Barak, 9, Princess, 3, their parents, and Rose, the coordinator for Conservation Foundation Trust, waiting for us.

Emanuel and Barak were sitting on chairs, Princess in her mother's lap, all obviously unable to ever move on their own. I shook hands with Emanuel and brought him the wheelchair. Rose gave instructions for securing the wheelchair, she handed his father a wrench, supplies of water and food.

A smaller wheelchair was for smiling Barak, and finally, the smallest for little Princess. We know these wheelchairs will make a big difference in their lives. Happy parents, happy children, happy deliverers!

Our most heartfelt thanks to the HEDCO Foundation for funding these wheelchairs, and *Conservation Foundation Trust* in Tanzania for helping make this dream come true!



YOUR FUTURE LEGACY PROVIDE “WHEELS OF FREEDOM”

Ordinary people are showing extraordinary generosity by leaving legacy gifts to charity in their wills and estate plans. In recent months, Wheelchair Foundation has received some sizeable donations from estates. Some have come from regular donors who have actively participated in our events; others have heard Mr. Behring speak, seen a video, know or are related to a person without mobility, read our newsletters, or just happened to see our website.

Even people who aren't wealthy often have the resources to make a charitable bequest – which is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. You are free to alter your plans until the will goes into effect, and your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction. If every adult in America made a will and included a bequest of \$100, billions of dollars would flow to charitable causes every year.

You believe in our cause. You have demonstrated your commitment through your generous support over the years. Through an estate gift to Wheelchair Foundation, you can take steps to ensure that your support is maintained after you are gone. In doing so, your love of life and concern for others will provide the power to continue our important work in years to come. Your memories will never be extinguished, and your gifts will remind us all that we, too, can make a difference in the lives that follow.

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Specific Bequests

-A particular item or property bequeathed for a designated purpose.

Residuary Bequests

-The residue portion of your assets go to the cause of your choice after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Contingency Bequests

-A part of your estate left to a selected charity if your named beneficiary does not survive you.



ABOVE: <<< Father and son, Don and Josh Routh, know and appreciate the value of mobility. Both have supported Wheelchair Foundation with their personal time and efforts. Both gentlemen feel strongly enough about the value of our cause that they have also chosen to name Wheelchair Foundation in their Living Trusts.

Consult an experienced estate-planning professional to create or modify your will or living trust. Then contact Wheelchair Foundation so that we may acknowledge your gift and make certain that your intentions are understood.

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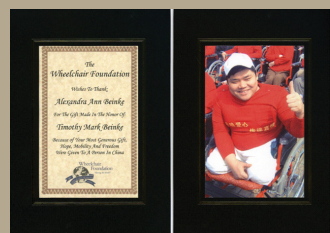
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