Changing THE WORLD





A MESSAGE FROM Ken Behring



or many years, real estate was my thing. We found success in Active Adult communities, where residents could enjoy leisure without having to care about maintenance and upkeep. My companies built thousands of homes and developed golf courses and communities. I even built a whole town, Tamarac, Florida.

My wife, Patricia, and I are still active adults. This year alone we traveled to Wuhan, China, for the opening of my *River and Life Museum* and our *Global Natural History Day* competition. Then, I went to Africa, to Zimbabwe, to deliver wheelchairs and spend time in the bush, observe nature and get inspiration for our Blackhawk Museum's new Natural History exhibit.

Last month, Pat fell and broke her hip, and ever since our lives have changed. She had to spend time recuperating and she stayed in a rehabilitation facility for a few weeks, relearning how to walk and get around. No more bowling for her for a while. I have become accustomed to using a walker and my electric scooter, but it is new to Pat. We use our red Wheelchair Foundation wheelchairs all the time now, and we are thankful every day to have them.

I know I need help getting about since I am 90-years-old, but I have my mobility devices. I cannot imagine my life without them. Patricia and I are proud that Wheelchair Foundation, our partners and volunteers continue to help other elderly around the world, including all the folks who were once Active Adults, but now need a little help getting around.

Kenneth E. Behring Founder and Chairman

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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.

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Our Goal

The Wheelchair Foundation aims to deliver 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

Mission

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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TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS......1,084,903

ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JOSE AND The Silicon Valley Chapter of Wheelchair Foundation Help Costa Rica



With help from the Rotary Club of Belen, Costa Rica, the Rotary Club of San Jose and our friend Joshua Burroughs delivered 110 wheelchairs in Quepos, Osa Province, Belen and San Jose, Costa Rica. We delivered wheelchairs to many elderly individuals and many children with disabilities. Our thanks for your continued support!

16TH ANNUAL DRIVE FOR MOBILITY HONORS VETERANS ~ RAISES \$168,000



Our 16th Annual Drive Fore Mobility Golf Tournament was an opportunity to thank our Veterans and Service Personnel from all branches of the Military. We were honored to have retired Senior Chief Quartermaster Michael "Mickey" Ganitch, Pearl Harbor and WWII Veteran, join us. Congratulations go out to the winning foursome of Sam Shaikh, Nate Cook, Gary Lash and Ronnie Kulina who shot a combined 55 to take home this year's trophy. Thank you to everyone who supported Wheelchair Foundation and participated this year!

MOBILITY FOR CAMBODIA

"Never in my life have I shared so many tears and smiles all at once."

Contributed by Lindsey Arrillage

wo years ago, my friend Josh Burroughs told me about Wheelchair Foundation and his involvement in raising money and delivering wheelchairs to individuals all around the world. I was so drawn to the Foundation's mission and so moved by Josh's stories from previous distributions, I decided that evening I would create my own project.

I chose Cambodia because there is still a significant segment of the population affected by land mines and war injuries as well as the country has many rural areas that lack access to medical support.



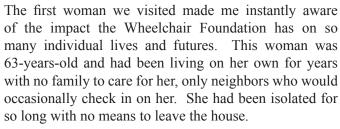


CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: >>> Our author and Cal Poly student, Lindsey, greets an elderly recipient who lives in a typical rural Cambodian bamboo house on stilts. >>> Lindsey and her family and local distribution partner provide wheelchairs to several recipients without the means to attend a centralized distribution ceremony. >>> FACING PAGE - CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: >>> Local police help deliver a wheelchair in Kampong Thom province. >>> One wheelchair helping many people as a young mother recieves a brand new wheelchair with her children. >>> Several of Lindsey's wheelchairs were donated to rehabilitation facilities and clinics without wheelchairs of their own. >>> The opportunity to connect with those who benefit from her gift is appreciated and life changing. >>>>

During these past two years, I received immeasurable support in funding the manufacturing and transport of 110 wheelchairs from many considerate donors and organizations. I especially need to thank the Rotary Club of San Jose for their immensely generous donation that made my delivery possible this June.

When the distribution day finally came, my family and I received a warm Cambodian welcome from everyone we met. Thanks to the hard work and efforts of many local Cambodians, 110 handicapped community members of the Kampong Thom province were selected to receive a wheelchair. We started the morning by driving two hours to a village where we were met by the mayor and the local police who helped us with home deliveries of the wheelchairs for people who were not able to get to the general dispersement celebration later that afternoon.





We walked in with the wheelchair and sat on the floor beside her as she repeatedly bowed in thanks. She looked me in the eyes, stroked my cheek, and then collapsed into my arms crying. I held her as we wept together - a moment stamped forever on my heart.







I wish I could express the warmth and gratitude in each recipient's hug, the sense of excitement in every tear, and the way each face lit up when the wheelchair unfolded and they could envision the new opportunities in front of them that this mobility offered.

I cannot thank everyone enough who contributed in making this delivery possible. I hope to continue my involvement with the Wheelchair Foundation and start a new project next year in another country. This experience of providing wheelchairs to those in need is truly unexplainable but words were not needed to feel the impact each chair had on the recipients, their family members, and in myself.

STUDENTS HELPING OTHERS

THE FROM THE HEART SCHOOL PROGRAM TRAVELS TO MEXICO

Contributed by Abigail Fried, Wheelchair Ambassador at Amador ValleyHigh School



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> The *From the Heart* team with one recipient receiving wheelchairs from their efforts. >>> Before - Josh Routh speaks with a gentleman who is bed-ridden. >>> After - The group with the newly mobile man and his wife. >>> FACING PAGE, FROM TOP: >>> Our author, Abby Fried, spending a day in a wheelchair and getting firsthand experience with the challenges of navingating a world not quite designed for wheelchair users. >>> Abby and the other students made a lot of friends and shared soccer balls, toys and clothing with local kids. >>>

his summer I had the opportunity to travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, with Wheelchair Foundation and an amazing group of people. The whole mission of Wheelchair Foundation is 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."

While we ended up in Mexico, our small group was originally planning to travel to Nicaragua. However, turmoil within the country made it too dangerous to travel there. While this was a disappointment at first, it ended up turning into a blessing in disguise. All of the wheelchairs we intended to distribute in Nicaragua were still distributed. Unfortunately, we were unable to assist with the actual distribution.





Instead, we decided to do something a bit different and we chose to travel to the location of the most recent wheelchair distribution. Once there, our goal was to participate in different humanitarian services such as volunteering at an elementary school that accommodates students with special needs and preparing and eating a meal with some of Oaxaca's senior citizens in a nonprofit nursing home.

We also made it our mission to visit some of the homes of the disabled people our organization had provided a wheelchair to and see firsthand how our gift of mobility changed their lives. While this certainly was not a textbook Wheelchair Foundation trip, we worked hard to find a way to incorporate our signature of delivering wheelchairs. We had to think outside of the box on how to execute our plan as it costs a large amount of money to ship the wheelchairs through the mail or check them on a different airplane.



After a lot of contemplation, we decided to turn this into a mini delivery trip as well as a social experiment. We accomplished this by having two of our group's members spend the day in a wheelchair and travel as handicapped civilians would. I volunteered to participate in this experiment and rode in a wheelchair for the entirety of our travels from San Francisco, California, to Mexico City.

I was humbled by this experience and have gained a extreme and newfound sense of respect and admiration for those that live their lives in a wheelchair. I also realized just how lucky I truly am to have the mobility that I do. This trip not only opened my eyes to the reality for so many disabled people worldwide, but also filled me with an endless amount of appreciation.



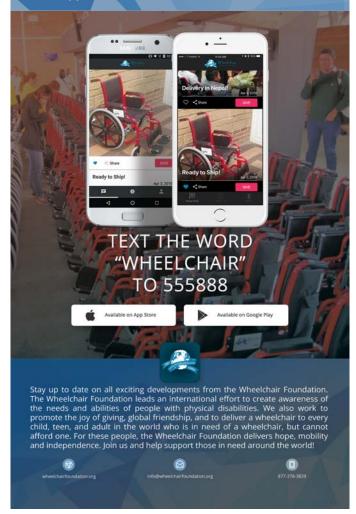
Wheelchair Foundation wants to keep you informed and up-to-date about all of our wheelchair distributions, travel opportunities and events!

Wheelchair Foundation is on *ViewSPARK*, an app that allows donors and fundraisers to post photos and videos of their experiences in realtime.

See our distribution work as it happens around the world.

Hosting an event or fundraising for a specific project? ViewSPARK allows everyone to show their support, even if they can't attend in person!

Now anyone can donate with *ViewSPARK* and *watch* what happens!



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Name of a second today.







CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: >>> Farmers Insurance employees in Redding, California, with a wheelchair soon to be donated to victims of northern California's massive wildfires this summer. >>> Lisa McCarthy presents a check to Steve Agius of the Rotary Club of Bonita Naples, in Florida. His club members raised \$17,000 for wheelchairs for Haiti. This effort in response to a fellow Rotarian's experience with the vast need for wheelchairs while perfoming relief work in that country. >>> To further foster cultural exchange 2018 Global Natural History Day winners travel to the United States, and are hosted by Mr. Behring at the Blackhawk Museum. Each contestant took the time to personally thank Mr. Behring for the opportunity, before continuing their visit to America. >>> Val Nunes and Richard Geithman serve wine at a recent Wine for Wheels fundraiser for the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, hosted by Wheelchair Foundation's President, David Behring. This is the first of several events leading up to a 2019 distribution trip to Vietnam. >>> Rotarian volunteers assist an elderly woman into a wheelchair at a distribution in Costa Rica. The Rotary Club of San Jose and Silicon Valley chapter of Wheelchair Foundation continue to raise awareness and share in the experience of giving wheelchairs, truly putting Service Above Self. >>>





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Thrilled to meet "Grandfather Behring," at the 2018 Global Natural History Day competition, a crowd gathers as Mr. Behring views competitors projects. >>> Barbara Bosse, Director of Community Outreach for Wheelchair Foundation, and her sons deliever wheelchairs together in Oaxaca, Mexico this summer. The From the Heart Schools Project introduces children and young adults to philanthropy and aid distribution first hand. >>> September, Glen Mather, and Chair the Love foundation raised more than \$75,000 for the purchase and delivery of wheelchairs and related services. The group inducted Augie and Audrey Byllott and Brad and Jennifer Sumrok into the Container Club, representing each couples contributions of more than \$45,000 each. Thank you! >>> The 16th Annual Drive Fore Mobility golf tournament, sponsored by Farmers Insurance, honored Veterans and welcomed 99-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor, retired Senior Chief Quartermaster, Michael "Mickey" Ganitch to course. Mickey sang to everyone and shared his amazing experience aboard the battleship Pennsylvania on that fateful day in 1941. Thank you all for your service! >>> A knowing glance of appreciation is shared between a recipient and volunteer during San Jose Rotary club's recent distribution in Costa Rica. A great number of those receiving wheelchairs are marginalized elderly, and acquiring a mobility device, such as a wheelchair, can have a profound effect on independence and sense of dignity. >>>















Shift from fantasy to perfect reality, and turn around for a bird's eye view of the famous Forbidden City as you gaze across the precise scale model of the political and ceremonial center of China for nearly 500 years.

Turn and lift your eyes and behold the dragon again as you look to the heart of the Forbidden City, the golden Dragon Throne. The seat of power in China for nearly 400 years, it is believed that 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties wielded their power from the Dragon Throne.

FACING PAGE: >>> Possibly the most recognized Chinese artifacts of modern times, the Terra-cotta Warriors featured in this exhibit were produced using the same techniques and materials as the original 2,000-year-old relics unearthed 44 years ago. >>> THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> The Dragon Throne, guilded in gold and fit for Emperors. >>> The handmade scale model of the Forbidden City. >>> Intracate carving artistry is evident in the amazing wood and bone carving works on display in the gallery. >>> Shenlong the Dragon, greeting guests at the entry of the Into China exhibit. Carved from a single tree, this dragon is one of many featured in the works from across the Chinese continent and spanning centuries history. >>>



Next on your journey, enter the Hall of Warriors and see a representative collection of the greatest archeological discovery of modern times, the Terra-cotta Army. The purpose of these soldiers, archers, as well as bronze horses and carriages, was to protect the first emperor of China in the afterlife. Discovered in 1974, they had been interred for over 2,000 years.

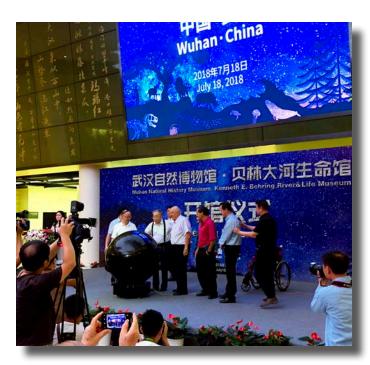
From dragons to dreams to warriors and so much more, the Blackhawk Museum invites you to join us on a journey *Into China*. This new gallery opens to the public February 1, 2019.







THE KENNETH E. BEHRING RIVER & LIFE MUSEUM



asper Hodge, a high school freshman who lives near San Francisco, California, is 6,500 miles from home. He is wearing Virtual Reality goggles and is trying to drive a Caribou sleigh through Arctic tundra. His younger brother, Magnus, is sculpting lakes, rivers and valleys in a surreal rainbow colored three-dimensional sandbox. Both are a little giddy from jetlag.

Jasper and Magnus are among 700 children that Mr. Behring has invited to the Grand Opening of his most recent project, the Kenneth E. Behring *River & Life Museum*, in Wuhan, China. The building is buzzing with kid's voices and laughter as they point, gasp and hurry to the next exhibit along their way.

As long as there have been red wheelchairs in Ken Behring's life, there have also been museums. Starting with the Blackhawk Auto Museum, and then the Smithsonian Institute, and then the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, Mr. Behring has held a passion for what he calls "Temples of Learning." Now, Behring Global Educational Foundation's *International Museums Project* is working with more than 30 of Asia's largest and most technologically advanced facilities.



The Wuhan Natural History Museum - Kenneth E. Behring *River & Life Museum* covers more than 300,000 square feet and features several full size dinosaur skeletons, China's largest petrified tree and hundreds of animal specimens from around the globe displayed in immersive, dynamic dioramas representing regional natural habitat. The new Mega-museums under construction throughout



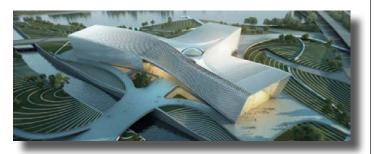


China and Asia are on a scale never before seen. These massive facilities house miles of walkway surrounded by lifelike scenery and Virtual Reality, video projection and surround-sound audio, as well as environmental nuances like real snow, rain, lightning and cracking icebergs. Wuhan Natural History Museum was also the site of this

FACING PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: >>> Kenneth E. Behring, joined on stage by the Director of the Wuhan Natural History Museum, on the occasion of the opening of the Kenneth E. Behring River & Life Museum in Wuhan, China. >>> The grand entry features a full size dionosaur skeleton. >>> Augmented and Virtual Reality are applied libereally in China's new high tech museums, affording visitors experiences never before possible. >>>CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Immersive dioramas showcase beautiful North American wildlife and habitat. >>> Renderings of the Henan Science and Technology and Huludao Behring Natural History Museums, currently under construction. >>> Brothers, Jasper and Magnus Hodge, Gold Metal winners at the 2018 Global Natural Hisitory Day. >>> Chinese museums feature state-of-the-art installations showcasing China's innovative technology poweress. Many new museums will feature facial recognition, augmented reality and engagement through social media onsite. >>> One competition category at this year's Global Natural Histroy Day saw competitors creating wonderous works of art, all thoughout the museum. The importance of painting and drawing in Chinese culture was showcased in the many beautiful depictions of animals in the wild. >>>









year's *Global Natural History Day* competition finals. More than 600 primary and secondary school children from across China competed alongside kids from South Africa, Cambodia and the United States. This year's theme was "Past, Present, Future of Natural History," and saw an amazing array of projects, artwork and performance.

For most of the Chinese population, these huge museums are their only opportunity to see and learn about wildlife and varying habitat around the world. Ken Behring believes it is up to young people to preserve wildlife and conserve our natural resources, and education and leadership can blossom from a single trip to a museum. If we cooperate, together we can all have a better understanding of the natural world.

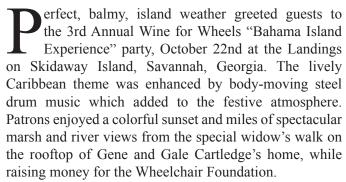


SAVANNAH'S *LANDINGS* COMMUNITY THIRD ANNUAL *WINE FOR WHEELS* EVENT

Contributed by Patti Kleiber - Photos by Karen Dove Barr







This year's event featured the popular Wine Tower. Patrons could buy a key to open the locked tower containing \$1,000 worth of wine. Guests enjoyed highend wine tasting, a large variety of unique silent auction items, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, and elegant desserts.

Our event focused on raising monies to support the delivery of 110 wheelchairs targeting the needy in the Bahamas. During the three years of extending the mission of the Wheelchair Foundation in the Landings, the Savannah parties have supported the distribution of nearly 500 wheelchairs to disabled and less fortunate residents both in Georgia and two countries in the Caribbean.

Committee Chair-persons Patty Kleiber and Rick Harding are already looking forward to their 4th Wine for Wheels event next year in November, 2019!









Wine for Wheels is thousands of friends and colleagues who meet at different venues all over the country and across the globe. Some events are private; some are public, and some in far off lands! All of them collect donations to buy wheelchairs for those in need. Wine for Wheels provides a fun and interesting way for individuals and groups to initiate fundraising campaigns at all levels and to offer their friends a way to engage with the world.

Interested in hosting an event?

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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.

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.

Seeing it through is simple!

General Bequest

-A specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of the estate left to the cause of your choice.

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.

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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