

Changing THE WORLD



SPRING 2013

A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



On June 13th, 2000, my 72nd birthday, I announced the creation of Wheelchair Foundation and pledged \$15 million of my own money to launch it. We set the goal of providing one million wheelchairs to people in need around the world. Today we have fewer than 73,000 to go to get to that one millionth wheelchair.

On July 25th of that same year, Pat and I launched *The Principal Leadership Institute* at the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley. We established this program to educate and prepare inner city principals and the future leaders of San Francisco Bay Area schools. This spring, we were honored at PLI's annual reunion and awards banquet, and celebrated the graduation of the 13th group cohort from this program. So many people thanked us for the opportunities this program has afforded them, and it was a joy to see and hear about what they have accomplished in this short amount of time.

It is said that Leadership can't be taught, that it is a quality one is born with. So, going forward, we will work to identify and nurture the future leaders of the world. In my latest book, *"The Road to Leadership,"* I write about how we will foster the next crop of world leaders. Our future will depend upon these new leaders, and we believe education is key to the future of mankind.

I invite you to join us in support of all of our endeavors, to provide leadership, education, clean water, vision, mobility and the other vital elements of survival to people around the world who are in need. It is my hope that our Global Health and Education Foundation will be at the forefront of these efforts, and wherever it is necessary, we will lead the way.

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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THE ROAD TO ONE MILLION!



Our goal is to provide one million wheelchairs to people who can not afford to buy one.

For a complete listing of countries where we have donated wheelchairs please visit our website at:

www.wheelchairfoundation.org

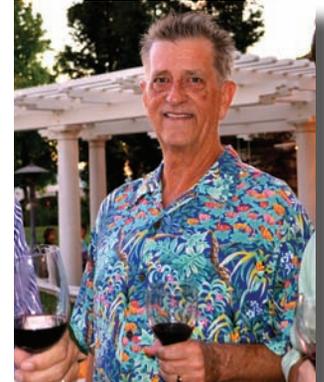
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2013 WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION CHARITY BALL

This year's 13th Annual Gala event was a huge success! Attendees enjoyed the South East Asian theme and flavor and shared their passion for helping others gain mobility worldwide. We recognized Don and Jennifer Davis as Wheelchair Foundation Honorees of the Year and thanked them for their continued support, leadership and passion for our cause. We also recognized Robert England as Wine for Wheels Volunteer of the Year, and applauded his tireless work acquiring, transporting and pouring some of the finest wines the world has to offer, all for the benefit of assisting the disabled and less fortunate of the world. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: >>> Jennifer and Don Davis, *Wheelchair Foundation Honorees of the Year 2013*. >>> Mr. Robert England, *Wine for Wheels Volunteer of the Year 2013*. >>> Martha Hertelendy, Pat Behring and friends. >>> Jeremy Nickel of the *Vineyard House* pours some of the most fantastic wine on the planet for our supporters. >>> No better reason to get dressed to the nines than in support of Wheelchair Foundation! >>> Long time Wheelchair Foundation supporters Al and Sandy Seeno with David Behring. >>>



WHEELCHAIRS FOR KHULANI SPECIAL SCHOOL

The Khulani Special School in rural South Africa is a school for children with disabilities and special needs which was brought to our attention by San Francisco documentary film maker Suzanne Cross, through donor/volunteer Don Routh.

Suzanne had spent time at the school, documenting its evolution from a shaded spot under a tree and a canvas tent, to a proper learning environment for children who would otherwise be left home alone and afforded no opportunity for education. Suzanne asked Wheelchair Foundation to help provide children's wheelchairs for their student learners (to learn more please visit www.underfourtrees.com and view Suzanne's work).



ABOVE: <<< Longtime friend of Global Health and Education Foundation, Mr. Cecil Corringham and his driver. When asked why he volunteered to drive so far to deliver wheelchairs to Khulani Special School, Cecil simply replies "Because Charli Butterfield from Wheelchair Foundation asked me to!" <<< LEFT: <<< A young student learner is happy to have his very own wheelchair for the first time in his life!

"The School is situated +40 km North of Mkuzi, on the outskirts of a small rural village. The staff and a few of the students were so excited to be getting the wheelchairs that they were waiting in the street for me. It was an amazing feeling, I felt like some long lost hero, who had returned with great treasures. It was emotional and heartwarming to see the joy on the kid's faces.

"I was humbled at the dedication and commitment of the staff, under the extreme conditions. The patience with these kids is a life lesson. When the time came to climb into my car to leave, the founder of the school came across to me and prayed for our safe journey home."

Wheelchair Foundation would like to thank everyone involved in making this donation happen!

As fate would have it, Ken Behring happened to be passing through Port Elizabeth in South Africa in the fall of 2012, and we were able to load 12 brand new kids' chairs aboard his plane to be dropped off for the school. We soon learned that the school did not have the means to transport the 12 wheelchairs from Port Elizabeth to KwaZulu-Natal Province, to their location just south of Swaziland.

Enter Cecil Corringham, a long time friend of Wheelchair Foundation, and owner of Life Form Taxidermy in the town of White River, in northern South Africa, near the Botswana border. Cecil sent a truck to pick up the wheelchairs and transported them to his shop. He then made the day long trip to the Khulani Special School to deliver the wheelchairs himself.

SOUTH AFRICA FAST FACTS

- POPULATION: 48,810,427 (JULY 2012 EST.)
- NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 64 MILLION (2011 EST.)
- MEDIAN AGE: 25.3 YEARS
- AVERAGE INCOME: \$31 PER DAY
- POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE: 50%
- WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 22,690
- ESTIMATED NEED: 1,464,312
- PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 1.55% OR 1:65
- NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICANS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS: 5.6 MILLION

GOING BACK TO VIETNAM

SIX YEARS OF FUND RAISING AND 7823 MILES OF TRAVEL

THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY HEAD BACK TO VIETNAM



It was a dark and stormy night... We find ourselves in Hue, Vietnam. A group of five of us have trekked to a local watering hole known as “The DMZ Bar.” We are midway through our 15 day journey across Vietnam, distributing wheelchairs in partnership with Oakland, California, based East Meets West Foundation, and visiting old haunts. There are 17 of us in our group, but for a few of us the DMZ Bar holds fond memories of an evening we shared there during our last trip to Vietnam, in 2006. It was a night of laughter and tall tales (all prefaced by the words “True story...!”) accompanied by beer and an endless supply of coconut peanuts. It was the night we all wrote our names on the wall with magic marker, some of us leaving messages for other travelers who would grace the same space long after we had left.



However, this visit would wind up somewhat bittersweet. Our memories of a dimly lit, rundown dive bar with no indoor plumbing and a single surly local bartender, supplanted by the revelation that the DMZ had been remodeled and modernized. Oh sure, you were still allowed to write on the walls with magic marker, but everything that had been there six years earlier had been changed in the “great remodel of 2008.” The new had replaced the old, and we were reminded that our memories of Vietnam of the past were no longer valid today.

This message would serve as an underlying theme for many on this trip. For those among us returning to this country for the first time since the late 1960s and early 70s, this trip was the opportunity to experience modern Vietnam and gain understanding of the life that has evolved since the Vietnam war (or “the American war,” depending which side you had been on). Of course, it was wrought with the apprehension and trepidation of not knowing how we might be received, or how we might remember what we had forgotten, intentionally or otherwise.



Several in our party set out on side trips to visit locations familiar to them from their time of service in their respective branches of the military (we had Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard represented among us). Again and again, a similar story was repeated “I found the place where our camp / airfield / base had been, but now it’s just a Vietnamese War Memorial / shopping center/ highway, etc...” This is the face of progress in Vietnam. >

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: >>> The Gang assembles outside the White Hotel in District 1 in Ho Chi Minh City, on day one. Many thanks to Ann Tours and Mr. Truc Vole, our excellent interpreter and fixer. >>> In Can Tho we provided wheelchairs to swimmers with Olympic aspirations. >>> Pictured Left to Right : Jerry Yahiro, John Reese, David Behring and Richard Lambert with one of the many tennis wheelchairs donated to East Meets West’s INSPIRE SPORTS programs throughout Vietnam.

VIETNAM



TOP LEFT: >>> Tran Nghia was 17 years old when David Behring presented her with her first wheelchair in 2003. This past Fall, the two were reunited in Hanoi, as Nghia and her mother joined us for a wheelchair distribution in the city. David and Nghia have remained in touch via the internet. David says of the relationship, "It is always a joy to give someone a wheelchair and it is an even greater joy to personally watch and hear how that wheelchair improved their life." >>> LOWER LEFT >>> Three Cheers for everyone involved in distributing wheelchairs throughout the country of Vietnam! Everyone gives a thumbs up for a job well done!

Our partners on the ground, East Meets West Foundation, had worked closely with the Vietnamese Paralympic Committee and others to arrange opportunities for us to distribute wheelchairs all along our route. We gave away wheelchairs in Can Tho, Ho Chi Minh City, Quang Tri, Hai Phong Harbor and Hanoi. We donated tennis and basketball wheelchairs to sports clubs and training centers through EMW's Inspire Sports program, allowing para-athletes to develop their skills, train and compete in a peer environment. Along the way we met swimmers, javelin throwers, weight lifters, track athletes, basketball and tennis players and one tough tug-of-war team whose single armed competitors easily toppled our crew on multiple occasions.

Vietnam is now a country of young adults. It is a country undergoing rapid change, and the impact of having access to modern technology is visible almost everywhere. There are fewer dirt roads and more skyscrapers, fewer bicycles and more motorbikes and cars. There is also an ever increasing demand for modern services, like clean drinking water, sanitation, medical care for newborns, internet access, and goods and services. And yet, with all of this rapid advancement, there still exists a very large need for wheelchairs for the disabled.

"Getting to go back to Vietnam, and to help people get wheelchairs, often the very first one they have ever owned, was awesome! Aside from getting married and having children, I think this is most significant thing I have done in my lifetime."

-John Garfield Reese - U.S. Navy Diver
on his second wheelchair distribution trip to Vietnam.

For the Veterans on this journey, our 15 days pass in what seems like no time at all. Soon we are speaking to one another about our trip in the past tense, where we had once been talking about it in the future tense for what seemed like such a long time. We were able to help Vietnamese in need of mobility by providing 260 brand new wheelchairs and 60 new sports wheelchairs. The Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley were able to witness first hand how their continued support of numerous orphanages, schools and rehabilitation facilities has had a positive and lasting effect on the people of Vietnam.



VIETNAM FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 91,519,289 (JULY 2012 EST.)
NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 127.3 MILLION (2011 EST.)
MEDIAN AGE: 28.2 YEARS
AVERAGE INCOME: \$9.60 PER DAY
POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE: 14.5%
WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 14,476
ESTIMATED NEED: GREATER THAN 2,745,579
PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 0.527% OR 1:190

ROTARIANS HELP HUNDREDS IN HONDURAS



This past February, Bonita Springs, Florida, Rotarians Bob Lombardo and Klaus Helf, along with Bonita Springs Noon club Rotarians Gary Dworkin and Steve Agius, traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. There they met up with Jeff Behring, Founder of Wine for Wheels, and Glen Perry, volunteer and longtime supporter of Wheelchair Foundation, to distribute 270 wheelchairs with the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa.

“We physically helped place more than 100 people in wheelchairs on Saturday and Sunday, from small children only a couple years old, to elderly men and women. We also delivered 40 wheelchairs to area hospitals and care facilities that were in dire need, including Escuela Hospital and the Senior Home Las Misioneras de al Caridad Hogar don de Maria.

“We were hosted by Club President, Fidel Velasquez, and an amazing group of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa. They treated us both as visiting dignitaries and as family members during our 48 hour stay with them. It was a pretty incredible fellowship experience to say the least. We have made dear friends with some wonderful people as a result of this joint project.”

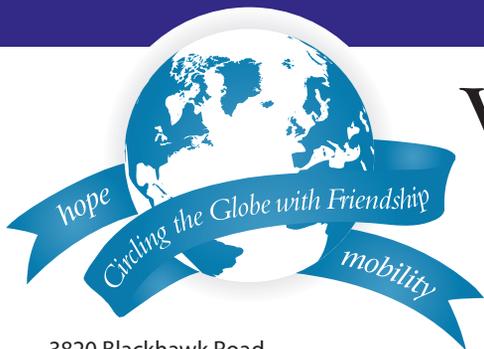


HONDURAS FAST FACTS:

- POPULATION: 8,296,693 (JULY 2012 EST.)
- NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 8,062,000 (2011 EST.)
- MEDIAN AGE: 21.5 YEARS OLD
- AVERAGE INCOME: \$12 PER DAY
- POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE: 60% (2010 EST.)
- WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 6494
- ESTIMATED NEED: GREATER THAN 250,000
- PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 2.6% OR 1 IN 38

“I can promise you that this experience had a significant impact on those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to make the trip. It was profoundly affecting.”

-Steve Agius, District 6960 Rotarian



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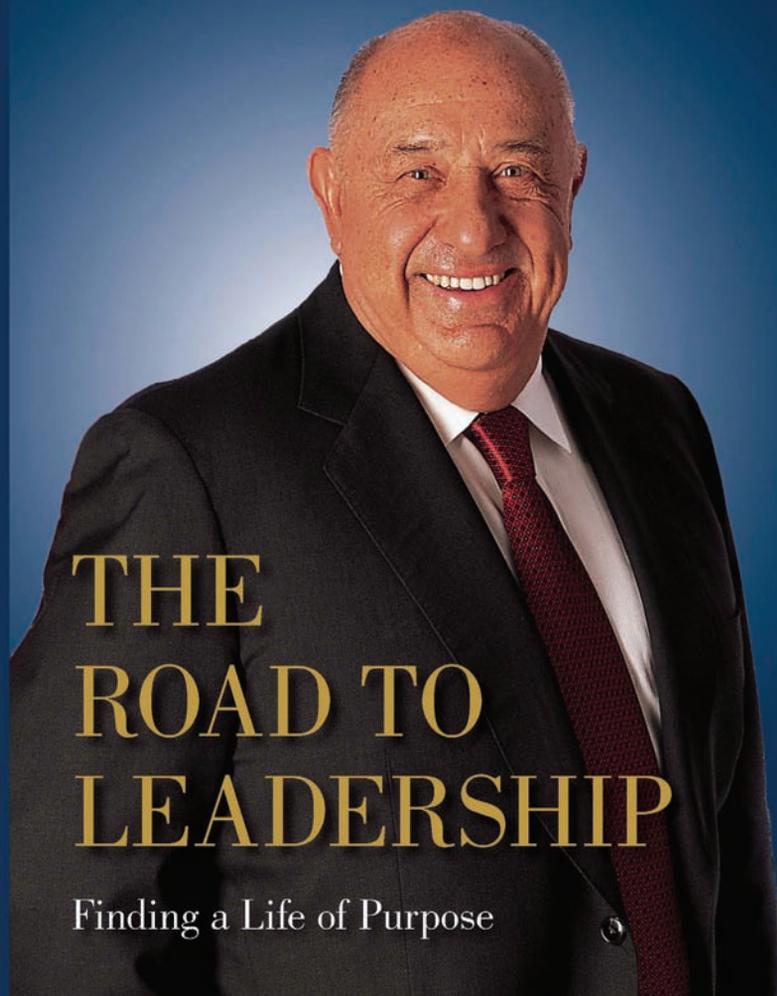
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Ken Behring was the man who had everything. In his rags-to-riches story, he rose from Depression Era poverty in rural Wisconsin to the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans. He owned mansions, hundreds of rare classic cars, a jet plane and a football team. But something was missing.

Join Ken Behring on his journey of discovery, his travels on the road to purpose, from poor hospitals in Africa and Eastern Europe, to the battlefields of Afghanistan, to the great museums of the U.S. and China, to educational ventures – and now his mission to develop the next generation of world leaders. Learn how the gifts of learning and mobility can transform lives - of Ken, young people and the physically disabled - and how they could transform yours.