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# MISSION & GOALS

## OUR MISSION

Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to raise awareness of the need and challenges of people living with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, foster global friendship, and deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen, and adult who needs one but cannot afford one or does not have access to a wheelchair. For these individuals, Wheelchair Foundation brings Hope, Mobility, and Freedom.

## 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

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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## A Message from DAVID BEHRING

Dear Friends,

As I walk into the crowded room in a town on the outskirts of Puerto Vallarta, I cannot help but notice the number of amputees in the room. If I was in Vietnam or Cambodia I would realize that landmines and war were major causes for their condition. Here, however, when I asked the person "Que paso a su pierna?", the answer was usually "Diabetes".

This disease is one of the leading causes of serious health complications across the world with well over one million lower extremity amputations occurring annually largely because of poor blood circulation and nerve damage. When the infections spread or the tissue dies, amputation can become the only available way to stop life threatening gangrene – especially in poorer countries that lack medical resources, education and medicine like insulin. The amputee then faces lifelong physical, emotional and financial challenges. That person loses independence and mobility and is often confined to his home. He has difficulty going to school or work and needs to rely on caregivers.

A simple wheelchair can provide stability, freedom and safety. It can provide the difference between dignity and despair. In the battle to prevent diabetes related amputations, it is vitally important to provide more education, foot treatment and mobile clinics for glucose monitoring. However, when an amputation occurs, a wheelchair becomes more than just a transportation device – it helps to restore independence and the quality of life to that individual. We know because we witness it over and over on every distribution.

David E. Behring  
President

## EMPOWERING MOBILITY: ZOR SIDHU'S MISSION TO CHANGE LIVES

At just 14 years old, Zor Sidhu is proving that you are never too young to spark a global impact. A freshman in high school with a deep-rooted passion for service, Zor has dedicated himself to a cause that hits close to home: providing mobility and independence to children around the world through the Wheelchair Foundation.

**A Mission Rooted in Family** Zor's drive is fueled by his relationship with his 11-year-old brother, Yuvi. Yuvi, a 6th grader with cerebral palsy, navigates his daily life in a wheelchair. Seeing firsthand how essential mobility is for his brother, Zor recognized a harsh reality—millions of children worldwide living with disabilities do not have access to the same life-changing equipment.



"Kids all over the world don't have wheelchairs," Zor explains. "By donating, you could impact one of their lives, meaning they could get an education and experience what an able-bodied kid experiences."

**The Power of a Wheelchair:** A wheelchair is more than just a piece of medical equipment; it is a gateway to the world. Zor highlights three critical areas where a donation can transform a child's future:

- **Education:** Mobility allows children to attend school and gain knowledge.
- **Social Connection:** It helps children foster friendships that make life's challenges easier.
- **Equality of Experience:** Zor believes every child deserves to explore their environment fully.

*Join the Movement* Zor's impressive fundraising—including raising over \$4,200 last year—has already caught our attention. While he balances his studies and an interest in engineering, his focus remains on bringing "new blood" into philanthropy by proposing new initiatives like adding the foundation to the CSF list and exploring wheelchair basketball games at school.

## WHEELCHAIRS COMMITTED OR DELIVERED

Afghanistan.....	7,150	Liberia.....	780
Albania.....	550	Lithuania.....	1,090
Algeria.....	1,480	Macedonia.....	760
Angola.....	6,790	Madagascar.....	1,270
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Malawi.....	3,350
Argentina.....	13,135	Malaysia.....	4,040
Armenia.....	3,244	Maldives.....	10
Australia.....	292	Mali.....	1,060
Azerbaijan.....	280	Malta.....	240
Bahamas.....	4,795	Marshall Islands.....	140
Bangladesh.....	350	Mauritania.....	100
Barbados.....	2,270	Mexico.....	189,013
Belarus.....	990	Micronesia.....	1,265
Belgium.....	280	Moldova.....	1,720
Belize.....	4,115	Mongolia.....	1,320
Benin.....	280	Montenegro.....	120
Bolivia.....	7,184	Morocco.....	5,730
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	2,040	Mozambique.....	1,660
Botswana.....	1,958	Myanmar (Burma).....	1,100
Brazil.....	2,305	Namibia.....	466
British Virgin Islands.....	284	Nepal.....	5,335
Bulgaria.....	530	Nicaragua.....	10,669
Burundi.....	520	Niger.....	240
Cambodia.....	3,840	Nigeria.....	1,420
Canada.....	560	Northern Mariana Islands.....	410
Cape Verde.....	780	Oman.....	280
Central African Republic.....	240	Pakistan.....	4,005
Chile.....	11,928	Palestinian Territories.....	2,181
China.....	506,267	Panama.....	22,480
Colombia.....	14,372	Papua New Guinea.....	2,940
Congo, The Democratic Republic.....	205	Paraguay.....	2,874
Costa Rica.....	10,603	Peru.....	17,817
Croatia.....	1,300	Philippines.....	13,125
Cuba.....	1,800	Poland.....	2,700
Cyprus.....	280	Portugal.....	990
Czech Republic.....	597	Puerto Rico.....	490
Dominica.....	280	Romania.....	4,341
Dominican Republic.....	14,189	Russia.....	2,230
East Timor.....	110	Rwanda.....	2,440
Ecuador.....	11,969	Saint Lucia.....	1,070
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Petersburg.....	120
El Salvador.....	12,835	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	935
Eritrea.....	250	Samoa.....	1,360
Estonia.....	500	Saudi Arabia.....	20
Ethiopia.....	3,998	Senegal.....	630
Fiji.....	2,520	Serbia.....	2,625
France.....	560	Seychelles.....	30
French Polynesia.....	280	Sierra Leone.....	2,610
Georgia.....	1,030	Slovenia.....	110
Ghana.....	3,350	Solomon Islands.....	110
Greece.....	520	Somalia.....	88
Grenada.....	280	South Africa.....	25,090
Guam.....	250	Spain.....	500
Guatemala.....	13,088	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Guyana.....	250	Sudan.....	280
Haiti.....	5,660	Suriname.....	520
Honduras.....	10,120	Swaziland.....	1,970
Hungary.....	120	Syria.....	641
India.....	2,716	Tajikistan.....	720
Indonesia.....	3,340	Tanzania.....	6,778
Iran.....	3,880	Thailand.....	8,640
Iraq.....	4,300	Tonga.....	500
Israel.....	8,110	Trinidad & Tobago.....	6,735
Italy.....	580	Turkey.....	5,790
Jamaica.....	6,050	Turkmenistan.....	520
Japan.....	1,750	Uganda.....	14,117
Jordan.....	5,022	Ukraine.....	6,871
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	United States.....	45,695
Kenya.....	6,070	Uruguay.....	1,862
Kiribati.....	375	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Korea, North.....	1,352	Vanuatu.....	250
Korea, South.....	5,700	Venezuela.....	5,316
Kosovo.....	1,300	Vietnam.....	16,316
Kyrgyzstan.....	1,500	Virgin Islands (UK).....	284
Laos.....	1,020	Virgin Islands (US).....	280
Latvia.....	740	Western Sahara.....	153
Lebanon.....	2,430	Zambia.....	2,646
Lesotho.....	1,060	Zimbabwe.....	3,600

**TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS 150+**  
**TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS 1,242,288**

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6960 BRINGS MOBILITY TO THOUSANDS

Contributed by Jim Fabry

In July 2008, Rotary District 6960 formed its Wheelchair Foundation committee, with Steve Agius stepping in as its first chair. What started as a small but meaningful effort quickly grew into something extraordinary. Since that day, the district has raised more than \$1.4 million and delivered over 14,000 wheelchairs to individuals across The Bahamas, the Caribbean, and Central America—each one restoring independence, dignity, and hope.

## BEHIND EVERY NUMBER IS A STORY.

On the sunlit roads of Sanibel and Captiva, cyclists gather year after year for the “Wheels for Wheels” challenge—riding not just for miles, but for people they may never meet. With every pedal stroke, sponsors pledge support, turning effort into impact. For five consecutive years, their dedication has funded entire containers of wheelchairs—280 at a time—reaching communities in Guatemala, Belize, Barbados, Trinidad, and beyond.

In Bonita Springs, a lasting partnership with the Rotary Club of the Bahamas has quietly transformed lives. For the past five years, they’ve ensured that hundreds of wheelchairs arrive annually to those who need them most. And in April 2026, that impact will be celebrated in a powerful way as another delivery reaches the islands.

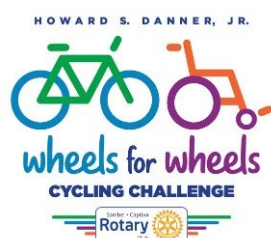
Elsewhere, generosity continues to ripple outward. Clubs in Naples, Weston, Marco Island, LaBelle, and Bonita Naples have all come together—through fundraisers, donations, and shared purpose—to make sure more people can move freely again. Whether it’s a \$1,000 contribution or funding an entire shipment, every gift carries the same message: you are not forgotten.

Because this work is about more than wheelchairs. It’s about a child going to school for the first time.

A parent returning to work.

A life reclaimed.

And the story is still being written—  
with every ride, every donation,  
and every act of kindness.



The Bahamas Wheelchair distribution of 280 wheelchairs.



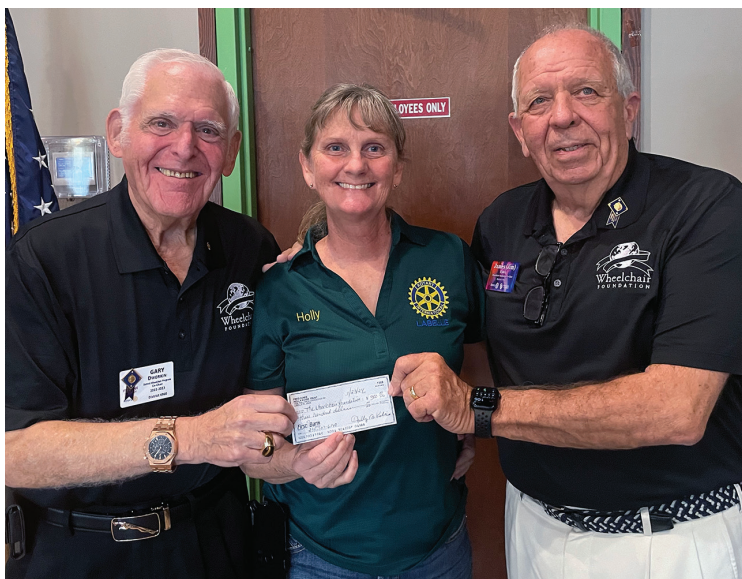
Wheelchair Foundation 6960 committee table.



Signage at the Bahamas wheelchair distribution of 280 wheelchairs.



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club check presentation of \$30,000.



Jim Fabry (L) and Gary Dworkin (R) receive check from Holly from LaBelle Rotary.



# WINE FOR WHEELS

"A GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION MISSION"

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



**REGISTER... GET INVOLVED... HOST AN EVENT...  
PROVIDE WHEELCHAIRS... GO ON A DISTRIBUTION...  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE... PLEASE JOIN US!**

## WINE FOR WHEELS AND WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION WHERE YOUR GIFT KEEPS GIVING!

Please take a moment to visit the Wine for Wheels website. Here you will find information about upcoming Wine for Wheels events, parties and wheelchair distributions around the world. Learn more about hosting your own event and discover all of the useful tools we've prepared to make your efforts more fruitful!

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Members of Rotary Club Mombasa, Kenya.

## WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION INTERVIEW WITH DR. MOHSIN JAFFER

*Contributed by Joel Hodge and Scott Ford*



My wife Fauzia and I started The Mohsin & Fauzia Jaffer Foundation through which we made all our charity and humanitarian endeavors.

My involvement with the Wheelchair Foundation began through Scott Ford, who was President of Broward Health Foundation while I served on its board. When he transitioned to the Wheelchair Foundation, he introduced me to its work. I immediately saw its potential and brought the idea to Mombasa, Kenya, where I have deep roots and strong connections through Rotary. When I approached local Rotarians, I told them, “We have an option—you have a need.” Their response was immediate: “We have a tremendous need.”

We shipped our first container of 280 wheelchairs, and it was distributed almost instantly. The demand was overwhelming. We followed with a second shipment, and a third is now on its way, allowing us to serve much of southern Kenya.

The need is immense, and the challenges are real. Poverty is widespread, and government corruption often prevents aid from reaching those who need it most. Too often, funds disappear into political systems rather than helping people. That’s why I strongly believe in working through organizations like the Wheelchair Foundation and Rotary. Rotary is particularly effective because it is volunteer-driven on both the giving and receiving ends, with virtually no administrative overhead. Funds raised go directly toward purchasing wheelchairs, while local Rotarians handle logistics, transportation, and distribution.

My perspective is shaped by experience. I grew up in Mombasa, and my family has lived in Kenya for generations. I studied medicine in India on

scholarship and returned to work in rural Kenya, where I saw firsthand how lack of mobility traps people in dependency. Without a wheelchair, many are forced into a life of begging. With one, they can become independent and productive. It's a simple intervention with profound impact.

Later, I came to the United States for medical residency in the early 1980s. At that time, conditions in East Africa had become increasingly hostile for Asians. In America, I found something different—I was judged by my work, not my background. That opportunity allowed me to build a life and, in turn, give back.

Rotary has been a constant thread throughout my life. I first joined as a student in Kenya, leading an Interact Club project to raise funds for a television in a polio clinic—giving children their first connection to the outside world. Years later, I joined Rotary Club of Weston, Florida, in District 6990 where I remain active today.

For me, philanthropy is a responsibility. Some of us are fortunate to have more than we need. The question is not how much we accumulate, but what we do with it. At the end of the day, we are measured by the lives we've touched. A single wheelchair can transform not just one life, but an entire family's future. That's a powerful opportunity to make a real difference.

**“WE HAVE AN OPTION—YOU HAVE A NEED.”  
THEIR RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE:  
“WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS NEED.”**

Our work now extends beyond Kenya to places like Tanzania, Zanzibar, and the Bahamas, with plans to expand further. Africa, in particular, has long been exploited for its resources while its people remain underserved. Yet the people themselves are generous, resilient, and deserving of far more support.

Through partnerships with dedicated individuals and organizations, we are making meaningful progress—and I am committed to continuing this work for as long as I can. I have told my Rotary Club, anywhere you find there is a need and you want to send wheelchairs, my foundation – The Mohsin and Fauzia Jaffer Foundation – will step up to the plate and help.

[www.mfjafferfoundation.com](http://www.mfjafferfoundation.com)



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Recipient of wheelchair and her family members.



Two young recipients of specialized wheelchairs in Kenya.



Two Rotarians volunteering to distribute wheelchairs.

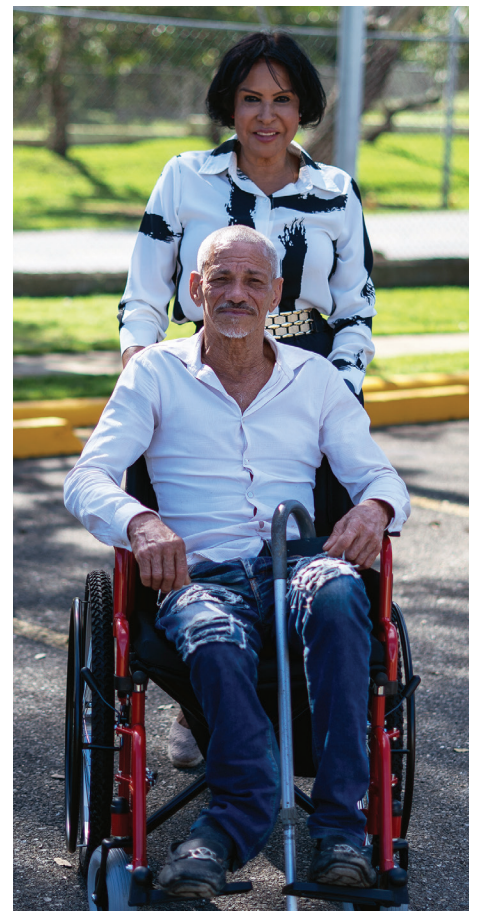


Wheelchair Foundation and FUSANPRO with wheelchair recipients in Santiago de Los Caballeros, D.R..

# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



LEFT: Proud grandmother with her grandson's new wheelchair in South Africa during a home visit. >>> MIDDLE: Volunteer helping a recipient after receiving his first wheelchair. >>> RIGHT: Ada with Clinica Cruz Jiminian with Juan a recipient.





Charli Butterfield and Kylah Beukes from Warriors on Wheels deliver a wheelchair to a very excited little boy and very happy mother in South Africa.



Mother waiting for her son to receive his wheelchair during distribution.



A woman gets helped into her new wheelchair at a distribution in the Atallah Foundation in the Dominican Republic.



# CHANGING LIVES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

*Contributed by Kelly Lopez*

The Wheelchair Foundation recently completed another impactful wheelchair distribution in multiple cities of the Dominican Republic (Santiago de los Caballeros, Puerto Plata, Punta Cana, and Santo Domingo) bringing renewed independence and hope to individuals with mobility challenges. Through the generosity of donors during our 25th anniversary celebration which took place January 2025 and the dedication of volunteers and local partners, 1,400 wheelchairs were delivered to children and adults who previously had little or no access to mobility assistance.

For many recipients, this wheelchair represents far more than a piece of equipment—it is the opportunity to participate in everyday life. Individuals who once relied on family members to

carry them can now move independently, attend school, seek employment, and engage with their communities in ways that were once impossible.

One moment from the distribution captured the heart of the entire mission. Francisco, a young boy with a bright smile, shared his story with us. Francisco stated, “before receiving my wheelchair, going to school was often painful”. Because he struggled to move around, other children sometimes made fun of him and bullied him. What should have been a place of learning and friendship instead became a daily challenge. But everything changed the moment Francisco received his wheelchair.



Recipient Francisco and Scott F., President Southeast Region Development.



Recipient giving thanks for receiving a wheelchair and gaining mobility.

With newfound mobility, he can now move alongside his classmates instead of feeling left behind. When he returned to school, something remarkable happened. Instead of teasing him, the other kids began competing for the chance to push him around the playground and help him get from place to place. With a huge smile, Francisco told us “I am so happy now!”

Moments like Francisco’s remind us why this work matters. Each wheelchair delivered by the Wheelchair Foundation represents more than mobility—it restores dignity, builds confidence, and opens the door to friendship, education, and opportunity.

Each distribution day was filled with powerful moments as recipients received their wheelchairs and experienced mobility for the first time in years. Families expressed deep gratitude, sharing



Recipient smiling through her mask after receiving her wheelchair.

emotional stories about how access to a wheelchair will transform daily life.

This project would not have been possible without the collaboration between Clinca Cruz Jiminian, Attallah Foundation, Fundacion Ramon Alvarez, FUSANPRO, and Wheelchair Foundation. Dedicated volunteers, and community partners in the Dominican Republic helped identify recipients and organize the events. Their teamwork ensured that each wheelchair reached someone who truly needed it.

Every distribution reminds us of the profound impact mobility can have. With continued support, the Wheelchair Foundation remains committed to its mission of delivering hope, dignity, and independence—one wheelchair at a time.



Our volunteers.

## CHANGING LIVES BY OPENING DOORS IN WHITE RIVER

*Contributed by Sarah Trost*



Now he can go to school.

Together with the Wheelchair Foundation, Warriors on Wheels and Lifeform Taxidermy, I had the privilege of delivering wheelchairs to children in and around White River, South Africa, including visits to a hospital, a school, and several personal home deliveries in surrounding townships.

Across White River, we met children who had been waiting. I saw struggle, resilience, and hope all at once, but what stayed with me most were their stories.

Our little boy Sandile Mabanga hadn't been able to go to school because he had no way to get there. When Kylah, an incredible human who helps find those in need, spoke with him on the phone and he said, "Please ma'am, I want to go to school." That moment is something I will never forget. This wheelchair doesn't just give him mobility, it gives him a future, an education, and a chance to be included.

Another delivery brought us to a young boy's home, where he lives with his grandparents who care for him every day. He has cerebral palsy and is being treated for epilepsy, which is currently under control with medication. His grandparents were overwhelmed with gratitude and shared how life changing this wheelchair will be. Not just for him, but for their entire family. You could truly feel the relief in that moment.

What I will always come back to are the smiles when they realized everything has changed. The moment a child realized they would no longer have to crawl, be carried, or sit at home while life moved on without them.

The home deliveries were especially meaningful. Being welcomed into their homes gave a deeper understanding of the daily challenges they face and how something as simple as a wheelchair can completely transform a life.

One of the reasons the Wheelchair Foundation does such incredible work is its chain of dedicated volunteers. From those who source the chairs, to those who find the recipients, to those who place someone into a chair for the very first time, and those who raise the funds to make it all possible. It's an efficient, compassionate, and deeply committed group of people.

This was my second time delivering wheelchairs with my aunt, and something stood out to me on both missions. At the end of each day when all the volunteers come together, there was always the same question: "How do we do more?" It wasn't about what we had already done, it was about the people we hadn't reached yet. That shared drive is what makes this work so special. It's a group of people who are never satisfied with "enough" when they know there are still lives to change.

There is so much need in the world, but this work is only possible because of donations. Every single contribution creates moments like these and gives those in need the chance to go to school, to move freely, and to experience life in a way they never could before. A wheelchair doesn't just change one life; it opens the door to an entirely new one.

# CONNECTING TO ROOTS THROUGH SERVICE IN MOROCCO

*Contributed by Samira Kamal*



Volunteers from Wheelchair Foundation and the Lions Club gather to deliver wheelchairs in Rabat organized by Lalla Asmaa Foundation.

I was fortunate enough to share the experience of a lifetime with my family—my sister, father, and step-mother—as well as the other wonderful volunteers who helped with the Wheelchair Foundation distributions. My father is from Morocco and included us in this moving experience and giving back to the beautiful and warm people of this country has been life changing. We were able to see firsthand the difference the Wheelchair Foundation makes in the lives of those in need across the world.

We traveled to multiple cities and heard directly from communities about how receiving a wheelchair makes a substantial and necessary difference in their daily lives. I spoke with a woman who told me about a homeless man in her neighborhood who was paralyzed from the waist down. She had seen him on the same corner for a long time and eventually spoke with him. After hearing about the upcoming donations, she contacted the Wheelchair Foundation and was able to help him receive a wheelchair. Thankfully, he now has the gift of mobility after enduring much hardship, and I feel very lucky to have played a small role in that mission.

We were grateful to witness the spirit of a community coming together to help one another—family, friends, and neighbors alike. We, too, felt like part of that community.

Our journey began in Ain Taoujdate and Meknes, where we met local residents and learned how a wheelchair like this would directly improve their lives. Some spoke of the daily changes it would make, such as being able to go to doctor's appointments and grocery stores. We then traveled to Rabat and connected with the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Center, where we met a 13-year-old boy who expressed heartfelt gratitude for his new wheelchair, as did his parents. They were excited that their teenage

son now had more independence—something that had not been possible before.

We were also warmly received by the Lalla Asmaa Foundation, where the community once again came together to provide support. There, we met a young woman who showed us her old wheelchair, which had become difficult to use after many years. She said the new wheelchair would make her life much easier, allowing her to move freely again and giving her peace of mind knowing that traveling would now be safer and more comfortable.



Personally, the highlight of this experience was the pediatric wheelchair event we attended. We communicated with nonverbal children through joyous smiles and laughter—it was absolutely infectious. Not a single word needed to be spoken to understand the emotions these children felt, and I felt so lucky to witness that. Every person we encountered at each event showed immense gratitude, blessing us and the foundation for helping fill a gap in the community. I felt deeply grateful to be part of this experience.

As a first-generation American, nothing is more meaningful than connecting with your roots while simultaneously helping the very place you come from. It is beyond words to play a role in providing life-changing aid to my community and beyond.

# ROTARIAN'S JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA CHANGES LIVES

Contributed by *Diego Velasquez*



Rotarian Diego Velasquez of the Conejo Valley Rotary Club giving a wheelchair to a local lady in Neiva, Colombia during Colombia's 11th Rotary Project Fair.

On January 21, 2026, a dedicated group of eight Rotarians from District 5240 in California, along with one Rotarian from District 5500 in Arizona, embarked on a meaningful journey to Colombia. Their mission: to participate in the 11th Rotary Projects Fair in Neiva and, more importantly, to help change lives through the gift of mobility.

Their journey quickly turned into something far greater than an event—it became a series of powerful moments of service and connection.

The first wheelchair distribution took place in Medellín, where 30 wheelchairs were donated at the Comité de Rehabilitación. This vital center provides mobility assistance to individuals in need, offering wheelchairs to those who meet specific criteria when resources are available. The distribution was led by the Rotary Club of Medellín, under the leadership of President Maria Victoria Jimenez and Past President Didier Vélez, whose dedication ensured the wheelchairs reached those who needed them most. From there, the team traveled to Paipa, where two additional

distributions were organized with the support of the Rotary Club of Paipa. Rotarians Ricardo Herrera and Rotary Club President Jaime Luciano Corredor carefully coordinated efforts, selecting recipients and locations to maximize impact. One distribution took place at Hospital San Rafael in Tunja, and another in the nearby city of Duitama. Together, these efforts brought 30 more wheelchairs to individuals and families whose lives would be forever changed.



(R to L) Conejo Valley Rotary Club members Jessica Prunk, Claudine Schooley, Diego Velasquez, and Mike McDermott distributing a wheelchair to an elderly woman in need.

The final distribution occurred during the 11th Rotary Projects Fair in Neiva coordinated by Past District Governor Carlos Eduardo Rojas --- a vibrant gathering of over 200 Rotarians from around the world, including participants from Panama, Mexico, Ecuador, Canada, the United States, Honduras, and France. In this inspiring international setting, 22 wheelchairs were distributed, symbolizing not only mobility, but global unity and shared purpose. The Rotary Club of El Poblado in Medellín Colombia with their Past Presidents Irma Sierra, Sergio Betancur, the new President David Espinal, and the Past District Governor Jose I. Bustamante played a big role in making this distribution possible in coordination with Ricardo Herrera of the Paipa Rotary Club and Eva Carlton of the Wheelchair Foundation.



Rotarians Marty Invick from San Luis Obispo Rotary Club and Ricardo Herrera from Paipa Rotary Club and our guest Liliana Morales presenting a wheelchair to a very happy child.

In total, two full containers of wheelchairs were sent to Colombia, with distributions carried out across the country by dedicated Rotarians working tirelessly to serve their communities.

What began as a trip to attend a Rotary event became a deeply rewarding experience—one filled with gratitude, compassion, and countless smiles. Each wheelchair delivered represented more than mobility; it restored independence, dignity, and hope.

For everyone involved, it was a powerful reminder of Rotary's mission in action—and of the life-changing impact that can happen when people come together to serve others.



Rotarian Diego Velasquez presenting a wheelchair in Neiva to a lady and her family during the Rotary Project Fair.



Una rueda a la vida – One wheel to life. The Motto of the PAIPA ROTARY CLUB.



DIANA SIERRA from the Conejo Valley Rotary Club presenting a wheelchair to a beautiful girl in PAIPA-COLOMBIA.



At Medellin's Committee of Rehabilitation (Comite de Rehabilitacion), Rotarians giving a wheelchair to a young boy in great need.



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Val Nunes, a longtime executive for Dreisbach Enterprises, one of the largest cold food storage businesses in California, and Bob Herzog, founder and owner of the largest Farmers Insurance agency in the United States, have co-chaired the Wheelchair Foundation's Annual Drive Fore Mobility Golf Tournament for 12 years. Their leadership, generosity, and compassion have helped provide mobility to 12,000 people around the world.