

# Changing THE WORLD



FALL 2016

# A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



**A**t the National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center, we have in the archive a *Krispy Automatic Ring-King Junior*. It is one of the first automated donut makers from the 1950's. It could make about 60 dozen donuts an hour. A mesmerizing machine to watch, it made donuts right in front of our eyes! Why, you ask, do we keep it? Well, simply put, we keep it in case future generations forget how to make donuts.

Museums are where knowledge is kept, “temples of learning,” I like to say. Physical artifacts that define cultures exist in museums. We use these artifacts, and what we know about them, to tell a story about mankind, unique world cultures, animals and natural history.

If we are successful, we preserve something unique: relics that define people and how they existed. Animal specimens that may be lost in our lifetimes, unless they get seen and are known about. And, donut making machines, so we can invent better ones, or different ones, or who knows? That is why we want you to come see them, to learn from the past and build a better future.

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 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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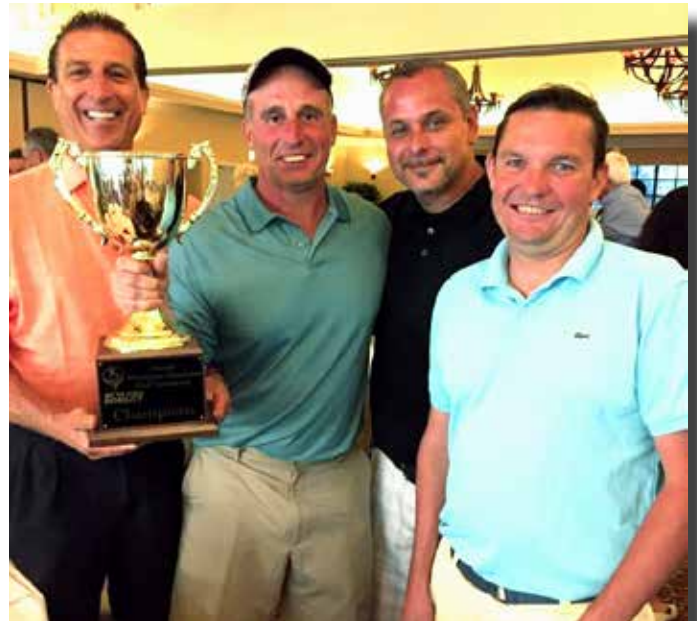


## WHEELCHAIRS COMMITTED OR DELIVERED

Afghanistan.....	7,150	Lithuania.....	1,090
Albania.....	550	Macedonia.....	760
Algeria.....	1,480	Madagascar.....	1,270
Angola.....	6,790	Malawi.....	3,530
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Malaysia.....	4,040
Argentina.....	11,009	Maldives.....	10
Armenia.....	3,244	Mali.....	1,060
Australia.....	292	Malta.....	240
Azerbaijan.....	280	Marshall Islands.....	140
Bahamas.....	2,510	Mauritania.....	100
Bangladesh.....	350	Mexico.....	167,409
Barbados.....	1400	Micronesia.....	1,265
Belarus.....	990	Moldova.....	1,720
Belgium.....	280	Mongolia.....	1,320
Belize.....	3,095	Montenegro.....	120
Benin.....	280	Morocco.....	5,470
Bolivia.....	5,574	Mozambique.....	1,660
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	2,040	Myanmar (Burma).....	700
Botswana.....	1,688	Namibia.....	466
Brazil.....	2,305	Nepal.....	3,380
Bulgaria.....	530	Nicaragua.....	8,435
Burundi.....	520	Niger.....	240
Cambodia.....	3,730	Nigeria.....	1,420
Canada.....	560	Northern Mariana Islands.....	410
Cape Verde.....	780	Oman.....	280
Central African Republic.....	240	Pakistan.....	3,175
Chile.....	11,388	Palestinian Territories.....	1,906
China.....	420,717	Panama.....	12,980
Colombia.....	12,847	Papua New Guinea.....	2,080
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the.....	205	Paraguay.....	2,614
Costa Rica.....	8,995	Peru.....	12,867
Croatia.....	1,300	Philippines.....	10,835
Cuba.....	1,800	Poland.....	2,700
Cyprus.....	280	Portugal.....	990
Czech Republic.....	597	Puerto Rico.....	490
Dominica.....	280	Romania.....	3,571
Dominican Republic.....	8,958	Russia.....	2,230
East Timor.....	110	Rwanda.....	2,200
Ecuador.....	9,889	Saint Lucia.....	830
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Petersburg.....	120
El Salvador.....	10,295	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	665
Eritrea.....	250	Samoa.....	1,360
Estonia.....	500	Saudi Arabia.....	20
Ethiopia.....	3,468	Senegal.....	630
Fiji.....	2,060	Serbia.....	2,370
France.....	560	Seychelles.....	10
French Polynesia.....	280	Sierra Leone.....	2,610
Georgia.....	1,030	Slovenia.....	110
Ghana.....	2,610	Solomon Islands.....	110
Greece.....	520	Somalia.....	88
Grenada.....	280	South Africa.....	23,060
Guam.....	250	Spain.....	500
Guatemala.....	9,723	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Guyana.....	250	Sudan.....	280
Haiti.....	5,320	Suriname.....	520
Honduras.....	7,434	Swaziland.....	1,970
Hong Kong.....	970	Syria.....	641
Hungary.....	120	Taiwan.....	756
India.....	2,716	Tajikistan.....	480
Indonesia.....	3,340	Tanzania.....	4,018
Iran.....	3,880	Thailand.....	8,410
Iraq.....	4,300	Tibet.....	331
Israel.....	8,110	Tonga.....	500
Italy.....	580	Trinidad & Tobago.....	5,980
Jamaica.....	3,970	Turkey.....	5,550
Japan.....	1,750	Turkmenistan.....	520
Jordan.....	5,022	Uganda.....	9,664
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	Ukraine.....	5,350
Kenya.....	2,930	United States.....	36,274
Kiribati.....	375	Uruguay.....	1,862
Korea, North.....	1,352	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Korea, South.....	5,700	Vanuatu.....	250
Kosovo.....	1,300	Venezuela.....	3,030
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.....	2,840

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS.....150+  
TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS.....1,046,282

## DRIVE FOR MOBILITY GOLF TOURNAMENT PROVIDES WHEELCHAIRS FOR THOUSANDS



On August 15th of this year the Wheelchair Foundation held it's annual *Drive Fore Mobility* golf tournament at the beautiful Blackhawk Country Club in Danville, California. Having forgone our tournament a year ago to celebrate our one millionth wheelchair, it was good to be in the company of some of our most dedicated supporters again. Many participating in this tournament also participated in our first golf tournament nearly 15 years ago. Congratulations to Emory Anderson, Joe Conforto, Mitchell Stroup and Greg Wilson, this year's winning foursome. After years of finishing near the top, they finally won the cup!

## BLACKHAWK MUSEUMS HOST ~NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM~ FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S TRANSPORTATION FUND



Members and regional supporters turned out to dress the part of the Old West! The western and pioneer themed party raised more than \$80,000 for Blackhawk Museum's, Children's Transportation Fund. These funds are being matched by a challenge grant from Mrs. Patricia Behring, so tens of thousands of children may come learn from our new exhibits!

# FROM BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA, TO NASSAU, BAHAMAS!



ABOVE: >>> Five Rotarians from Bonita Springs, Florida, traveled to Nassau, Bahamas, to join with the Rotary Club of East Nassau and the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled, in an ongoing effort to provide hope, mobility and freedom to the disabled and less fortunate of Bahamas. Even in an island-nation there is need for wheelchairs, and often island isolation makes getting a wheelchair nearly impossible for those who need them the most. >>>

By Linda and Gary Dworkin

**W**e arrived Thursday afternoon and were met by Bob McDonald, one of our host Rotarians from the Rotary Club of East Nassau, and briefed on what was going to be our weekend of “aha-moments” to come. After a terrific evening with Bob and his wife Anita, we returned to our hotel to get a good night’s sleep.

Friday evening, we met at the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled Center to assemble and prepare the wheelchairs for the Saturday event. I was so pleased to see how many Rotarians came out on a hot, rainy Friday night. The many hands made the task go quickly and the preparation became more of a Rotary Social than work. By the end of the evening we were old friends ready to visit when next we were in each other’s neighborhood. The trip was already a success and we had not given out a single wheelchair yet!

Saturday morning came very quickly and we were back at the Center. It was still hot and wet but we were a hearty group! We were ready with our paperwork, t-shirts and plenty of water. The cars came and we had our “aha- moments;”

The young girl who had been in a wheelchair for 40 years and had lost her mom 2 years ago, and now her sister was her care-giver. Plenty of need there.

Then, there was the young man that really needed a 20-inch chair, but his housing could not handle anything more than an 18-inche wide one. He showed us how he had to squeeze into his room, but he didn’t care, he loved his new chair.

We even got some surprises ourselves as we took one of our own red Wheelchair Foundation wheelchairs back in trade. I think it was one of our first ones made? It did not have any tread left on the wheels, but it was still in one piece. We make a good chair!

It is hard to say who gets more from these missions - the people that receive the wheelchairs or the people that give out the wheelchairs!



# WHEELCHAIRS FOR PANAMA



By Joshua Burroughs

**W**e personally distributed wheelchairs in Panama City, the city of Colon, and the province of Chorrera, with a large distribution at a public park, and small distributions at senior centers, orphanages, and Rotary friendship houses. There were probably 50 Rotarians from various clubs in Panama that worked together to make this project a reality, in addition to the *Pro-Integration Foundation* which is a long time supporter of the Wheelchair Foundation.

We also obtained a tremendous amount of knowledge regarding the history of Panama, the Canal, and the USA presence (and withdrawal) from the country. It's amazing to see both the opportunities for wealth creation juxtaposed to the severe poverty in this country, which has also been my experience in other Latin American countries that I've visited.

We had an amazing time - our delegation of 20 folks (Rotarians & significant others from the Rotary Club of San Jose) was very diverse - some being their first time on a wheelchair trip, some being the first time in Latin America. Many memories, many new friendships - lots of smiles all around.

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Joshua Burroughs (right) representing the Silicon Valley Chapter of Wheelchair Foundation and the International Service Committee of the Rotary Club of San Jose, California, with members of the Rotary Club of Panama City. >>> Panama has lots of incredible historical sites to explore. >>> Our author, continuing to show others the benefits of providing wheelchairs to people in need of mobility worldwide. Thank you, Mr. Burroughs! >>>







# PROMOTING THE VALUE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

This Summer, Ken Behring and his staff set out on a trip around the globe. With the continued growth of Wheelchair Foundation and the ongoing work of the Behring Global Educational Foundation, there was plenty to do and see...

We began our journey China, where we co-hosted the Museums and Relevant Products and Technologies Exposition in Chengdu, a city of 15 million people. We took day-trips to visit other museums that we are working with and to see new facilities under construction. Beautiful state-of-the-art museums are being built in cities like Chongqing, Henan, Xiangyang, Yichang and Wuhan and they all want to work with us, with exhibits and as hosts of Global Natural History Day competitions. We also got to spend time with a very talented group of youngsters, the winners and finalist from this year's Global Natural History Day competition.



Mr. Behring was a featured speaker at The Great Rivers Forum in Wuhan. His presentation "Influence the world or be influenced by the world – The Power of Museums," focused on the necessity of preserving locally significant art forms and handicrafts as a means of retaining knowledge and techniques that would otherwise be lost for the future. "The people who have made their living creating these incredible pieces of artwork are dwindling in number, and younger generations prefer modern aesthetics and have little interest in preserving age-old crafting techniques themselves. Pretty soon these artifacts will only exist in private collections or museums, or they will disappear." Mr. Behring stressed that museums need to be viewed as "temples of learning" and should allow visitors to see the beauty of artifacts and learn about the techniques used to create them.

There is a modicum of faith required when crossing the ocean in a jet airplane. Large jetliners can travel coast-to-coast, but smaller aircraft, like ours, need to stop for fuel. So, when the 26 atolls that form the Maldives, in the Indian Ocean, came in sight we were relieved. With the help of the Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort and the Home for People with Special Needs. We donated wheelchairs to those who may not get them otherwise.



Onward to Tanzania, where for years now, we have partnered with Raul and Jan Ramoni, founders of Conservation Foundation (CF) Trust in Arusha, to distribute wheelchairs. The Ramoni Family enjoys a unique relationship with the Nomadic Maasai tribes living in extremely rural parts of the country. Every year they trek to remote areas with wheelchairs in tow, to provide mobility to children and tribesmen and women in need of mobility.

FACING PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: >>> Wheelchair distribution at the Cultural Heritage Center in Arusha, Tanzania. >>> Mr. Behring takes a moment with his staff prior to his presentation at the *Great Rivers Forum* in Wuhan, China. >>> "One of my favorite things in the whole world!" is his description of getting to hang out with students participating in this year's *Global Natural History Day* competition. "Their enthusiasm is amazing because this is the first opportunity these children have had this sort of experience. I am thankful I am the one who is getting to help make it possible for them!" >>> THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Wheelchairs for the Maldives! >>> An itty-bitty island in a great big ocean as we approach the Maldives to deliver wheelchairs. >>> The *Museums and Relevant Products and Technologies Exposition*, if you can't find the dinosaur bones you need here, you probably can't find them anywhere! >>> The beauty and vibrance of nature is reflected in the dress of the women of Southern Africa. Wheelchair recipients like to get dressed up for the occasion of receiving a new wheelchair. >>>



In Arusha, we held a small distribution at the Cultural Heritage Center. Many of the large sculpture pieces we will be displaying in our new African Art exhibit at Blackhawk Museum were acquired with the assistance of the Center. The Director, Saifuddin Khanbhai, of the Cultural Heritage Center shares our concerns, that artisans who have traditionally created these handicrafts, like Ebony carvings and ornate masks, are dying off and their talents and work are disappearing. We aim to share these incredible examples with a greater audience and to help preserve examples of these art forms for future generations.

...And before we realized that we had left, we were home again! We plan to put what we have learned while exploring and delivering wheelchairs this summer to good use right here at home. Now we begin working on our own museum.





# season highlights

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: >>> Presenting 50 wheelchairs to Panamanian First Lady, Lorena Castillo De Varela. She is focusing on children and persons with disabilities as part of her mission while in office. >>> From the Oakland Raiders, Tom Blanda, SVP - Stadium Development and Operations, traveled to Ecuador with his 15-year-old daughter, Morgan, and 17-year-old son, Alec, to share the wheelchair distribution experience together. >>> Wheelchair Foundation supporter and advocate, Josh Routh, posing with a happy wheelchair recipient and his wife. They are joined by one of the many teachers who travel along with students to bring this fundraising project full-circle. >>> Farmers Insurance and Dreisbach Enterprises were co-title sponsors for our 14th annual *Drive Fore Mobility* golf tournament. Thank you to all who participated and made this year's outing a huge success. >>> Bonita Springs, Florida, Rotarians take time to get to know wheelchair recipients at the *Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled*, Nassau, Bahamas. >>>







CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Mr. Behring and Angie Shen, Executive Director of Behring Global Educational Foundation China, attend the Chengdu Museum of Science and Technology's *Night at the Museum* party. >>> Wheelchair recipients in Arusha, Tanzania, relax under a boma near two massive wooden *Tree of Life* carvings. These totems represent the artist's recollection of life in his own village, a traditional, yet dying artform seldom practiced by younger generations of Tanzanians. >>> Christopher Behring, son of Wheelchair Foundation President, David Behring, traveled to Bolivia with his dad for the opportunity to chaperone younger kids through the wheelchair distribution process. The college bound Eagle Scout knows how to make fast friends with a little help from some local fry bread. >>> The Rotary Club La Puntilla of District 4400 honors it's friendship with Josh and Don Routh and Bill Wheeler, who have been providing wheelchairs to South Americans for years. >>> Rotary Club of San Jose, California, members present two Kanga specialized seating wheelchairs to a Panamanian hospital. Eight additional Kanga chairs were donated to facilites and clinics specializing in the care for persons with more mobility-limited disabilities. >>>





# GIVING *FROM THE HEART*



by Kathy Gailey

**T**his year we have thousands of students from dozens of communities in California all participating in the *From the Heart* School Program.

This past summer we had the pleasure of taking 16 people to Ecuador to distribute wheelchairs. Our teams consisted of teachers, students, parents and Rotarians from California. In Ecuador, we were hosted by Sr. Octavio Jarrin and his fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club La Puntailla. Together, we delivered 230 wheelchairs to the cities of Guayaquil, Portoviejo, and Samborondon.



## THE FROM THE HEARTS SCHOOLS PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHES THREE EQUALLY IMPORTANT THINGS:

1. We raise awareness about the need for mobility in the world.
2. Sensitize students and teachers to the issues and challenges faced by people with all types of intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.
3. To raise money to provide wheelchairs for those in need.



We also distributed 230 wheelchairs in Bolivia with eight students and seven adults in June. We partnered with the Rotary Club Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, as well as several other local and regional organizations to distribute our wheelchairs in San Javier, Concepcion, Porongo and Santa Cruz.



Each person had his own personal story of why they wanted to attend a wheelchair distribution. For most, it was for the gratification of seeing all their fundraising efforts bring huge smiles to those receiving a wheelchair.

There was another group, who had huge smiles of gratitude but did not receive a wheelchair. These were the family members of those who were receiving a wheelchair. They no longer had to carry their family member everywhere. Their loved one could now move around safely in a wheelchair, on their own. They were now free to handle other chores and even attend school knowing their loved one could be independent.

TOP OF FACING PAGE: >>> Students Vansh Pushpraj, Morgan Blanda and Alec Blanda pause from interviewing a wheelchair recipient during a distribution in Concepcion, Bolivia. >>> BOTTOM OF FACING PAGE: >>> Our From the Heart participants hiding between the lines in Guayaquil, Ecuador. >>> CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> A teen in Ecuador receives a wheelchair from teens from California. >>> Josh Routh, Kathy and Mike Gailey pose with a recipient in Ecuador. This is Josh and Don Routh's 18th country visited, and 28th wheelchair distribution trip. >>> Red hat, red shirt, red wheelchair, big smile, sometimes things work out for a reason. >>> Wheelchair recipients span all age groups and backgrounds. From the Heart students write letters to wheelchair recipients and their families. Traveling students and volunteers give recipients the opportunity to reply, and return the recipient's letters to students back in the United States >>> Handing out soccer balls to local kids near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Everywhere our students traveled they were met with friendship. >>>



# FROM THE HEART of a student

contributed by Tatum Lenberg

While preparing for the trip to Bolivia, I had no idea what to expect. I had never been to an impoverished area before. Everything I was imagining Bolivia would be like came from what I had seen in 30-second commercial spots on TV, "Just 10 cents a day will provide food to children in such-and-such third world country..." These ads depicted citizens of poorer countries as helpless and weak, just waiting for volunteers to come and improve their lives. Naturally, I assumed that this is what the Bolivian people would be like. I would soon find out just how wrong I was.

At the first wheelchair distribution, I noticed that most of the impaired individuals arrived in old broken wheelchairs or their family members had to carry them in their arms. One of the people who left the biggest impression on me was a man who had lost both of his legs in a train accident. He was so proud to be getting a wheelchair. The volunteers tried to help lift him up into his new wheelchair, but he politely declined, insisting he was capable of doing so himself. He hoisted himself up into the wheelchair using only his own upper body strength. I was struck by the man's confidence, self-reliance, and most of all his overall joy. He was so grateful for the new wheelchair, wiping the tears from his eyes, he gave everyone a firm handshake.

Family after family, the reactions were so similar. The disabled people felt so proud to be in their new wheelchairs, and their families were proud of them. I was so happy to be able to be a part of this moment that was so life changing for them. The pity and helplessness that I thought I would witness was never there. Instead, the families, and the community rallied around the disabled to share in their joy and support them.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Our Author, Dougherty Valley high school student, Tatum Lenberg, with two new friends in Bolivia. Tauna is a accomplished photographer and contributed many of the photos featured in this issue of *Changing the World*. >>> Young and old come with family members to receive new wheelchairs. >>> A firm handshake conveys appreciation and gratitude from a gentleman receiving a free wheelchair he could not acquire or afford otherwise. >>>

Later, we visited a center for burn victims. The man who ran the burn center was so lively and welcoming. He was a leader in his community who was committed to his job and proud of the service his center provided to the patients. This was the only center of its kind in all of Bolivia. I never realized how much that I took for granted back in the United States. I was so used to being surrounded by clean hospitals with state-of-the-art medical supplies back at home, that I never even considered that on the other side of the world, people had to drive hours just to get the treatment and care that they needed.

This trip was an eye opening experience for me. Never again will I take the stereotypes that I have seen in the news and apply that generalization to an entire population. It was ignorant of me to think that people in third world countries were all desperate or unhappy with their lives. Instead, I met people who were just like me, and my friends back at home. Better yet, I made Bolivian friends who I still talk to now and hope to see again. I got to experience firsthand Bolivia's rich culture, and get a better understanding of the lives of the people who live there. I am thankful for the opportunity to have met these wonderful people, to make great friends and to serve people less fortunate than we are in the United States. I am a better person because of it.



# FROM THE HEART of a parent

contributed by Tia Lenberg



I had wanted to learn more about the Wheelchair Foundation ever since I wandered through a wing dedicated to the foundation at the Blackhawk Museum in 2002. Finally, I saw a flyer about the From the Heart School Program and reached out, but I was too late to join the 2014 trip to Peru. I got on your email list. Then, in 2016, you reached out to me at the same time my 16- year-old daughter and her friend wanted to do some sort of charity work. My daughter had already packaged food at Kids Against Hunger on a few occasions but wanted to do something else that involved travel. The timing was right.

In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, at our first stop, which happened to be a burn center, I had to fight back tears. So many impoverished people were waiting and in need of wheelchairs. During the distribution, the most meaningful moment for me was seeing the joy in a young man, about 25-years-old, as he watched his younger brother, also in his twenties, move from a filthy rickety chair into a shiny new red wheelchair. I don't speak Spanish, but I imagined that the older brother had watched his younger brother struggle for years and now saw him with his own independence and freedom. The older brother was at once smiling and crying but once his younger brother rolled toward him, they shared a fist-bump that was pure joy!

The moment was poignant for another reason. I had tried to help the young man move from his old chair to his new red wheelchair but he was too heavy for me to be helpful. So, I stepped back and stood in front of the young man while others

reached under his arms. The young man hesitated, then reached under an old blanket and handed me his warm colostomy bag. I wanted to turn away but I couldn't do anything but take it and hold it while the transfer was completed. This was startling for me because I immediately realized my own reaction was insignificant compared to struggle this young man had to endure on a daily basis. I watched his excitement as he used all his strength to jostle into his new wheelchair.



ABOVE LEFT: >>> Parent Tia Lenberg spends a moment with a young recipient during one of her first experiences delivering wheelchairs in Bolivia. with her 16-year-old daughter. >>> ABOVE: >>> One organization receiving wheelchairs was a home for abandoned disabled senior males. The facility was managed by an 83-year-old woman, charged with caring for 25 residents on her own, many who were unable to move about unassisted. >>>

I loved the warm nights in Bolivia, sitting around talking to the other volunteers. The teenagers grouped together and had an abundance of fun. Seeing them happy and sharing this experience was heartwarming as a parent and I, too, had a good time sharing the experience with new friends, eating new types of food (i.e., alligator), visiting new locations and most importantly helping people gain precious mobility.

Thank you Wheelchair Foundation for making these opportunities available to our youth (and their parents)!

Learn more at: [www.wheelchairfoundation.org/programs](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/programs)  
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# BIG THINGS ARE COMING TO BLACKHAWK MUSEUM



It is not surprising that 28 years ago, when Blackhawk Museum opened, it quickly earned the global reputation of being the premier showcase for classic, rare and unique automobiles. Pilgrimage to Blackhawk, to see the cars, is part of the true gearhead's right-of-passage.

In 2015, Blackhawk Museum added *The Spirit of the Old West*, an exhibit based on the Fick Collection, which features artifacts from the great west expansion of the 19th century. On exhibit are unique handicrafts from Plains Indian tribes as well as European and Early-American artisans. A 140-foot long topographical table plays out the settlement of the west, all in miniature scale.



Winter of 2016 – spring 2017, Blackhawk Museum will open *The West Lives On*. This exhibit will celebrate the origins and artifacts of the nostalgic Cowboy Wild West depicted from the 1900's to the 1950's.

*The Art of Africa*, an exhibit of African masks, shields, carvings and musical instruments from throughout the African continent opens in the spring of 2017. This exhibit will feature original works of art, paintings, bronze and ebony sculpture and will provide a glimpse at village culture, handicrafts and their significance.

2017 will see the opening of *The Beauty of Asian Art*. The centerpiece of this exhibit will be a 60-foot-long highly detailed hand carved wood sculpture depicting daily life of Chinese villagers and anglers. Handicrafts of unique design from throughout China will also be on display. These include shell carvings, silk works, glass sculptures and other fantastic objects.

Also coming in 2017, *The Wonder of Natural History*. We will bring fossils, sharks, endangered species and an African watering hole (complete with migrating Wildebeests and man-eating Crocodiles!) to Blackhawk Museum.

We are also updating our *Wheelchair Foundation Gallery*, where we will continue to honor our fantastic donors and supporters, as well as sharing the incredible story of Wheelchair Foundation and the more than one million wheelchairs that have been given to people in need around the globe for free.

Please stop by for a visit soon. The diversity of these new exhibits will interest everyone.



# YOUR FUTURE LEGACY

## HELP PROVIDE HOPE, FREEDOM AND MOBILITY FOR PEOPLE AT HOME AND ABROAD

Ordinary people are showing extraordinary generosity by leaving legacy gifts to charity in their wills and estate plans. Over the past 10 years Wheelchair Foundation has received over \$2,350,000.00 in Legacy donations. The granters of these gifts knew the importance of wheelchairs and wanted to help as many disabled people as possible.

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.

### 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.

### RESIDUAL BEQUESTS

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

### CONTINGENCY REQUESTS

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



ABOVE LEFT: >>> A Grandmother lifts her grandson out of a mini-bus in a rural mountainous region of the Kingdom of Lesotho, in Africa. She has to carry him every day, or the boy must crawl. >>> ABOVE RIGHT: >>> Your donations allow Wheelchair Foundation to provide them with a brand new wheelchair for free! Both gain new independence. Together we help people in more than 155 countries worldwide and all we ask for in return is a smile! >>>

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