



This March we celebrated building our 100th cart since we started in 2022! Each cart has a tag like this that identifies our shop, production date and cart number.

Notes from the shop

The first few months of the year included some exciting firsts and milestones for our shop in Mt. Lake:

January 23

About 100 people attended our open house and building dedication.

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March 14

News station KEYC did a news story about our shop and volunteers.

More inside

March 24

We produced our 100th cart since we started production in 2022.

Pictured above

On our way to 150 carts in 2024

We are on target to meet our goal of producing 150 carts in 2024. To stay on track for that goal, we'll need to continue to make about 3 carts per week. We have a strong group of regular volunteers who have created an efficient workspace and production line able to meet this demand.

To build 1 cart costs \$400 in donations. Now that we have a workspace and a core group of volunteers, our ability to produce carts depends on having enough donations to purchase supplies and materials. This means introducing more people to our mission and letting them know how their donation can help improve people's lives.

We are thankful for everyone who has given as well as the volunteers who faithfully come each week. This is a group effort, and every person and contribution provides a crucial part for producing these carts for people in need.



Our mission

Provide **hand-driven carts** at no cost to people in developing countries who do not have use of their legs and to provide **volunteer opportunities** for our local community.

Get in touch

Visit

Mobility Worldwide, MN SW
401 3rd Avenue
Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Write

info@mobilitymns.org

Call

Bill Janzen at 507-822-2127

Learn more

www.mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/minnesota-southwest



Scan this QR code to learn more about Mt. Lake volunteers and how to donate.

Donor Spotlight



Lucas Bartel, owner of LB Customs, paints metal parts for us, donating time and material. This paint plays an important part in protecting the carts from rust and wear from outdoor use. Lucas also helps bring a fun splash of color to our carts by using whatever color is in his paint booth at the time. We are so thankful for his partnership in this vital part of production!

About LB Customs: Located in Mt. Lake, LB Customs does body work and custom truck conversions. *Learn more at lbcustoms.com.*



Lucas Bartel, owner of LB Customs, stands in front of a paint booth full of future mobility cart parts — freshly painted and protected against rust and wear.



Vern Schroeder cuts wood pieces that he uses to build wooden cargo boxes that attach to the back of the mobility carts.

Volunteer Spotlight

Vern Schroeder, Mt. Lake

Vern started volunteering with Mobility Worldwide in December 2023. He makes the wood boxes that attach to the back of carts that serve as a cargo box for people to transport items. Vern is a regular volunteer at our shop and enjoys being able to work with his hands. He also enjoys spending time in the shop, working together with the other volunteers.

About Vern: When he's not helping build mobility carts, Vern spends his time visiting his 6 children and 3 grandchildren, riding his bikes (pedal and motor) and going for walks. Vern attends Cornerstone Bible Church in Mt. Lake.

Thank you for sharing your talents, time & resources!

Spreading the news

about mobility in Mt. Lake



Allen Schroeder (above), Gordon Krause (below) and several other volunteers were interviewed by KEYC about Mobility Worldwide in Mt. Lake.



On March 14, KEYC News out of Mankato visited our shop to learn about our work and volunteers. This was a great opportunity to tell the greater Southern MN area about our Mt. Lake affiliate and how it not only provides a meaningful volunteer experience but also helps people in developing countries regain mobility.

Watch now: Visit bit.ly/3xwvqaL or scan the QR code below to see KEYC's coverage.



Scan this QR code to watch the clip on KEYC!

On January 23 about 100 people bundled up and attended our open house and building dedication. We shared about our affiliate and gave tours of our new workspace in the old Casey's building in Mt. Lake.



We enjoyed seeing everyone and encourage people to stop by anytime and see what's happening! We're open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 - 12:00, but also feel **free to stop by and see what's happening whenever** you see vehicles parked outside our building!



Where do our carts go? Mobility Worldwide ships carts across the globe. Carts from our shop have gone to Honduras, Guatemala, Malawi and Haiti so far.

I want to support Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest!

Help us reach our 2024 goal of building 150 carts!

I want to...

- ☐ Sponsor materials and supplies (\$25)
- ☐ Sponsor shipping costs for one cart (\$50)
- ☐ Sponsor a quarter of a cart (\$100)
- ☐ Sponsor half a cart (\$200)
- ☐ Sponsor a full cart (\$400)
- ☐ Give a different amount \$ _____
- ☐ Volunteer (fill out your contact info, and we'll reach out!)
- ☐ Receive future updates and newsletters

Fill out and send to:

Mobility Worldwide, Minnesota Southwest
c/o Bill Janzen
39869 County Rd 1
Mt. Lake, MN 56159

Make checks out to *Mobility Worldwide,
Minnesota Southwest*

Donate online

Scan this QR code
to donate online!



Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Get involved

It takes a lot of parts, time and people to make mobility carts! Here are a few open roles:

- Welders
- Inventory tracking
- Bookkeeping and administrative duties
- Fund raising and publicity

Stop by & see what's going on

We're open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 12:00.

If you are interested in volunteering check with Arnold Harder, Gordon Krause or Bill Janzen.