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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE GIFT OF MOBILITY®



FREE
WHEELCHAIR
MISSION





When you get them into a wheelchair, they often break out in happy tears. And they look different. You give them a hug, and they don't want to let go because they're crying, the whole family is crying... Many have been waiting their whole life for a wheelchair, and when they get one, many of them tell me, "This is a miracle."

Don Schoendorfer
President & Founder
Free Wheelchair Mission

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A Letter From Our President & Founder and Our CEO

Dear friends,

This past year marked an important chapter in our journey toward expanding access to durable and cost-efficient wheelchairs in developing countries across the globe. With your support, we reached milestones that continue to lay the groundwork for future growth and innovation.

Your generosity sent 64,316 wheelchairs to 31 developing countries in 2025,* reaching individuals whose lives, families, and livelihoods will forever be changed by the gift of mobility. We continued to expand our reach by strengthening our distribution network through visits and training sessions with our partners in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kenya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, South Asia, Thailand, and Uganda.

Four of these visits included the first deliveries of the innovative and award-winning GEN 4 JOY wheelchair—our first new model in 12 years. Developed in collaboration with Invacare, a longstanding corporate partner that has generously shared its expertise, GEN 4 JOY reflects feedback from those who rely on our wheelchairs every day. Its thoughtful innovations enhance comfort and usability, positioning us to serve even more individuals in the years ahead.

The global need remains urgent: an estimated 80 million people need wheelchairs, yet most cannot access one. This urgency was underscored by disasters such as Hurricane Melissa, which struck the Caribbean in October, and flooding across Southeast Asia. When natural disasters and other crises arise, those with disabilities are often the most vulnerable—mobility is essential to moving to safety and accessing support.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to stewarding resources responsibly, innovating with integrity, and ensuring that every action we take honors our vision and values.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue this vital work.



Don Schoendorfer
President & Founder



Nuka Hart
Chief Executive Officer

*Statistics reflect data from Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025.



Who We Are

Free Wheelchair Mission is the world's largest nonprofit manufacturer of cost-efficient, durable wheelchairs designed for the developing world. Since 2001, we have distributed 1.5 million wheelchairs to individuals living with disabilities in 95 countries, providing renewed dignity, independence, freedom, and joy through the gift of mobility.

What We Do

We design and manufacture wheelchairs that are shipped by ocean container to our worldwide network of distribution partners, whom we also train in wheelchair provision, assembly, maintenance, and use.

By collaborating with like-minded partners across the globe, we provide mobility to people living with disabilities in under-resourced countries—all at no cost to the recipient.

Whenever possible, our partners help us let wheelchair recipients know that they are loved by God and are receiving their new wheelchair because of Him.





This partnership is meaningful because it is built on a shared purpose: restoring dignity and possibility to those who need it most. Together, we are not only providing mobility: we are restoring identity, independence, and hope.

GIBTK, distribution partner
in Vietnam

The Need

The World Health Organization estimates that 80 million people in the world need a wheelchair. Without mobility, people living with disabilities in developing countries are often left confined to their beds or homes, hindered from opportunities to pursue an education, make a living, or participate in community. A new wheelchair would offer them countless new possibilities.

Our Mission

To provide the transforming gift of mobility to people with disabilities living in developing nations as motivated by Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

We aspire to provide three million people with the gift of mobility by 2035.

Our Values

- We honor God in all we do.
- We pursue excellence in all our work.
- We are good stewards of all our resources.
- We commit to transparency in all we do.
- We encourage worldwide collaboration.
- We innovate to provide transformative mobility.

Where We Worked

Free Wheelchair Mission has distributed wheelchairs in 95 countries since 2001. In 2025, we shipped wheelchairs to the following countries:*

Argentina	El Salvador	Kenya	Somaliland
Brazil	Eswatini	Mozambique	South Africa
Chile	Ethiopia	Nepal	South Asia
China	Guatemala	Nicaragua	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Haiti	Pakistan	Thailand
Costa Rica	Honduras	Paraguay	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Iraq	Peru	Vietnam
Ecuador	Jamaica	Philippines	

Field Insights & Innovation

As part of our commitment to providing safe, quality wheelchairs, we spent three years gathering insights from the people who use them every day. More than 440 users across four countries, along with 14 distribution partners, shared how mobility has strengthened both their physical and emotional well-being. Their feedback did more than confirm the impact of our work: it helped shape the design of our newest wheelchair model, ensuring it meets the real needs and daily realities of the people we serve.

There is a genuine willingness to listen, adapt, and continuously improve processes, always keeping the users’ well-being at the center. Free Wheelchair Mission has effectively incorporated feedback, turning these insights into practical innovations. As a result, the quality of the service we provide has increased, and the impact of every wheelchair delivered has grown even stronger.

FUSAL, distribution partner in El Salvador

*This list reflects shipping data from July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025 and may not include countries where our partners distributed wheelchairs received prior to these dates. For a full list of countries where we have provided wheelchairs, visit FreeWheelchairMission.org/where-we-work.



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^{*} Served in Fiscal Year 2025.
⁺ Serving in Fiscal Year 2026.



Absalat's Story

Nine-year-old Absalat lives in Ethiopia's capital city with her mother and brother. Complications at birth left her unable to walk, with very limited speech and difficulty sitting upright on her own. As she grew, these challenges shaped daily life—especially when she watched other children run and play while she could only move by scooting along the floor.

After Absalat's father left, her mother became her primary caregiver. Leaving home was extremely difficult without a wheelchair. Yet, out of love and determination, her mother would carry Absalat to school each morning, check on her at lunchtime to help her eat, and bring her home again in the afternoon, often returning exhausted.

That changed when Absalat received her first wheelchair through our local distribution partner, Agape Mobility Ethiopia. The wheelchair allows Absalat to sit upright safely, move comfortably, and attend school more consistently. It has also eased the physical strain on her mother. "From the time we received the wheelchair until now, life is much better," her mother shared. "I can take her to other places, and I'm not as exhausted."

I want to give thanks—to God and to the organization that provided this. I never expected help in this way. I am truly grateful. Thank you so much for honoring my child.

Absalat's mother



Absalat • Ethiopia

Our Impact*



64,316 Wheelchairs
Distributed to 31 Countries



13 Containers of Medical GIK Supplies
Delivered to Enhance Mobility



176 Wheelchairs Distributed
Per Day on Average



78% of Wheelchairs Distributed
With a Christian Message



16 Distribution Partners Trained
or Audited in 13 Countries



1,492,660 Wheelchairs
Distributed Since 2001

*Statistics reflect data from Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.





MORE UPRIGHT SEAT
encourages healthy posture
and increases comfort.

**EASY TO PROPEL
AND MANEUVER**
with improved rear
wheel position,
empowering users
and caregivers.

FITS MORE PEOPLE
with six sizes available:
XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL.

EASY TO ASSEMBLE
means getting more
people mobile, faster.

LOWER SEAT HEIGHT
helps people transfer
easily, reducing fall risk.

FOOTREST ADJUSTMENTS
support fit, comfort, and
circulation for users of
different heights and needs.

**QUICK-RELEASE
WHEELS**
allow fast disassembly
for storage or easy
transport.

**MORE DURABLE,
LONG-LASTING**
aluminum-components
frame minimizes corrosion—
helpful in humid climates.

GEN 4 JOY™

A New Generation of Mobility

In 2025, Free Wheelchair Mission launched the award-winning GEN 4 JOY, its first new wheelchair model in over a decade. Building on 25 years of engineering experience and feedback from users and partners, GEN 4 JOY offers improved comfort, posture support, easier transport, and a wider size range, while its durability ensures reliable mobility for years in communities where repairs and replacements are difficult.

GEN 4 JOY was developed by our expanded in-house manufacturing team, with testing support provided by corporate partner Invacare. Through improved production technology, a more compact design that allows more units to ship per container, and a lifespan that is twice as long as our existing models, GEN 4 JOY is more cost-effective to produce—optimizing the impact every dollar makes on the lives of those who use them each day.

This kind of innovation demonstrates how designs can be developed through a collaborative approach. Our shared commitment to serving people in remote communities by providing these essential wheelchairs allows us to help advance our joint aspiration to ensure that everyone who needs a wheelchair has one.

Geoff Purtill, President and CEO, Invacare (Europe and Asia Pacific)

GEN 4 JOY will roll out across our global partner network over the next three years, complementing GEN 2 and GEN 3 wheelchairs, which continue to transform tens of thousands of lives annually. More than a wheelchair, GEN 4 JOY is a symbol of freedom and possibility, empowering individuals to move confidently and fully engage with their communities.

These wheelchairs transform lives, enhancing mobility and independence while raising awareness in the community, fostering greater respect, understanding, and inclusion for people with disabilities.

Faith In Practice,
distribution
partner in
Guatemala



Lidea • Guatemala

The GEN 4 JOY is an amazing piece of engineering. It had a focused set of objectives with its design, and I would say that it achieved those objectives. Everything from the materials selected to the features prioritized have resulted in a wheelchair that is unparalleled in its price bracket. Even [in] comparison to wheelchairs twice its price point, I am not aware of a single wheelchair model with this feature set that competes with the GEN 4 JOY when it comes to quality and reliability.

RICD, distribution partner in Thailand

Innovations incorporated into the new GEN 4 JOY were made for the benefit of those who use our wheelchairs daily, such as Lidea in Guatemala.

Lidea, now 34 years old, is originally from Quiché, a remote, predominantly Indigenous region in Guatemala's mountains. Diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a baby, she now lives with her sister and brother-in-law in the town of Pastores.

Without a good wheelchair, Lidea was once unable to leave her home for over a year. She had been praying for a new wheelchair for a long time when she received one of our GEN 3 wheelchairs in 2019. "Now, I can go outside and explore with my sister!" she joyfully exclaimed. With renewed mobility, Lidea operates a small shop selling pottery and handcrafted items made by her friends and relatives.

In 2025, Free Wheelchair Mission was pleased to provide Lidea with one of the first GEN 4 JOY models. The new design helps her move more nimbly through the narrow doorways of her home and shop, allowing her to greet customers and join family outings with confidence.

Free Wheelchair Mission provides select distribution partners with medical gifts-in-kind (GIK) supplies, as well as other mobility solutions such as crutches, walkers, and surgical equipment that can prevent or reduce the severity of disabilities through medical care.

Through this program, partners are equipped with essential supplies, enabling them to respond quickly and provide critical health care during natural disasters and other crises.

Our Distribution Partners

In 2025, Free Wheelchair Mission distributed 64,316 wheelchairs through our distribution partners, including.*

- ADR
Agape Mobility Ethiopia
Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan
BethanyKids
Bethel Ministries International
Buenas Nuevas
Camino de Vida
Children International Philippines
Christian Aid Ministries Nicaragua
Christian Aid Program - Kurdistan Region
CILSA
Disabled Welfare Association
Diversity Action Network
Do It Foundation
Faith in Practice
Father's Heart Mobility Ministry
Food for the Poor Colombia (Order of Malta)
Food for the Poor Guatemala (Order of Malta)
Food for the Poor Haiti
Food for the Poor Honduras (CEPUDO)
Food for the Poor Jamaica
Fundación Hospital General El Buen Samaritano
- Fundación Vista Para Todos
FURMEX
FUSAL
Giving It Back to Kids
Help for the Andes Foundation
Hope Mobility Kenya
Hubei Disabled People's Foundation
Jesús Responde
Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil
Metanoia Missions
MJF Charitable Foundation
NASPIR
Network 21 South Africa
OMS International
RICD Wheelchair Project
Rotary Club of Maringá-Parque do Ingá
Tenwek Hospital
The Luke Commission
Walkabout Foundation Haiti
Walkabout Foundation Kenya
World Vision El Salvador
Xinjiang Disabled People's Foundation

*The information above is based on load dates between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

The impact that these wheelchairs have had on our organization is phenomenal. As we continue to impact more and more people's lives, these individuals are now able to enjoy a new life of freedom and mobility. They are now an example to others that being different does not prevent them from leading normal, productive lives and being outstanding examples of resilience, perseverance, and success in all areas of their lives.

Food For The Poor, distribution partner in Jamaica

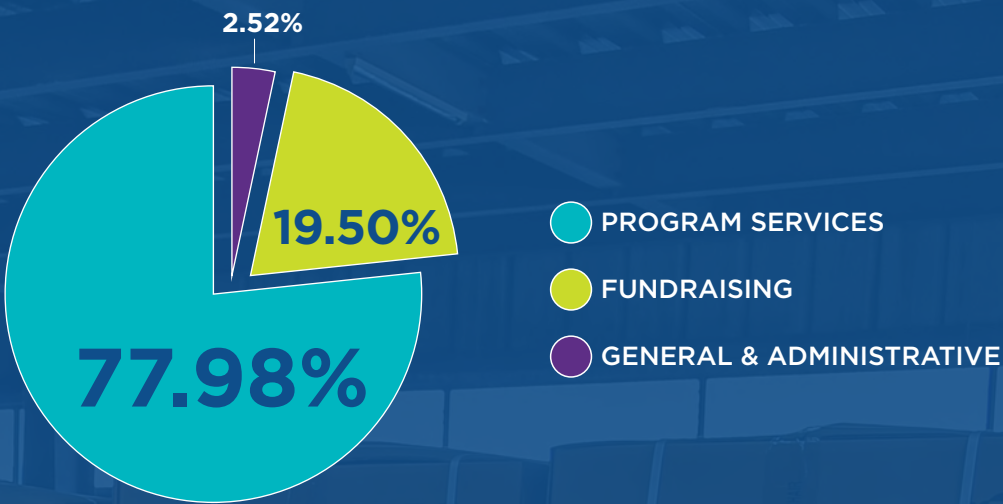
Our Financials*

In 2025, we continued to strive for excellence by maintaining a 78% program ratio as we distributed 64,316 wheelchairs in 31 countries.

We continue to transform lives thanks to the unique partnership we have with our distribution partners and donors like you.

Statement of Financial Position			
Assets	2025	2024	2023
Total Current Assets	\$2,762,610	\$2,702,061	\$2,657,586
Other Assets	\$2,182,780	\$1,717,030	\$1,220,499
Total Assets	\$4,945,390	\$4,419,091	\$3,878,085
Liabilities	2025	2024	2023
Total Current Liabilities	\$669,694	\$491,221	\$645,817
Other Liabilities	\$687,642	\$332,590	\$372,829
Total Liabilities	\$1,357,336	\$823,811	\$1,018,646
Net Assets	2025	2024	2023
Unrestricted/Undesignated	\$2,213,422	\$2,257,836	\$2,214,343
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,374,632	\$1,337,444	\$645,096
Total Net Assets	\$3,588,054	\$3,595,280	\$2,859,439
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,945,390	\$4,419,091	\$3,878,085

Expense Allocation



Statement of Activities			
Support & Revenue	2025	2024	2023
Contributions	\$11,765,549	\$11,394,387	\$10,969,834
Gift-in-Kind	\$7,561,918	\$6,563,702	\$3,092,177
Other Revenue	\$404,760	\$459,515	\$318,017
Total Support and Revenue	\$19,732,227	\$18,417,604	\$14,380,028
Expenses	2025	2024	2023
Program Services	\$15,392,425	\$13,775,816	\$10,808,424
General and Administrative	\$497,666	\$496,296	\$466,096
Fundraising	\$3,849,362	\$3,409,651	\$2,815,239
Total Expenses	\$19,739,453	\$17,681,763	\$14,089,759
Net Assets	2025	2024	2023
Change in Net Assets	\$(7,226)	\$735,841	\$290,269
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$3,595,280	\$2,859,439	\$2,569,170
Net Assets, End of Year	\$3,588,054	\$3,595,280	\$2,859,439

*Fiscal years reflect July 1st through June 30th of 2025, 2024, and 2023.

As a result of our financial transparency and accountability efforts, we are proud to receive the highest ratings from the following charity rating organizations:



*This wheelchair helps me so much.
Everything I do is in the wheelchair—
it's very strong and tough. It's very
good, perfect for me right now.
You have to distribute more!*

Ali



Ali's Story

Ali, who lives in South Asia, was left unable to walk after sustaining a spinal cord injury in 2000. For the first three years, he remained confined to bed, facing an uncertain future without mobility. Even after he was able to sit up, daily life was challenging. Leaving home was rare, independence felt distant, and even small tasks required extraordinary effort.

Those early years were marked by hardship. Ali spent years in physiotherapy, learning how to adapt while relying heavily on others. Without reliable mobility, opportunities to work, socialize, or fully participate in his community felt out of reach. Still, Ali refused to give in to isolation, determined to rebuild his life despite the barriers around him.

Ali gained stability, freedom of movement, and renewed confidence when he received a new wheelchair from our local distribution partner. With mobility, Ali can more easily run his small snack business near his home, shop for supplies, go out independently, and spend time with friends.

Our Supporters

Our mission to transform lives through the gift of mobility is powered by the generosity and dedication of our supporters. From individuals who give monthly through Mobilize or plan a legacy gift, to churches, businesses, foundations, and Move for Mobility participants, every contribution drives real change. Their support fuels every wheelchair we provide—empowering the life of the person who receives it.

Once involved with Free Wheelchair Mission and realizing what a sincere and dedicated organization they are, we have never looked back on supporting them. Giving every month, even in a small way, adds up and helps someone, somewhere, gain mobility. And we want to ensure that Free Wheelchair Mission is funded and carrying out their mission long after we are gone [through Legacy Giving].

Ned and Kat Bacon, supporters since 2007

The most meaningful Christmas card I've ever received included a gift card for a free wheelchair. The ask was to designate the country destination for the wheelchair recipient. From that moment on, I began a personal mission to "walk for those who can't" through [Move for Mobility]. And during a vision trip, we were emotionally transformed by the simple blessing of one person who broke out in loud prayer and praise for the Lord, knowing that her life, her family's life, her community's life, and our lives would forever be changed by the gift of her wheelchair.

Kathleen Koch (photo on opposite page, right; with daughter-in-law, Kjerstin, left)

Our [church's] mission is to glorify God and bring wholeness through reconciliation. Free Wheelchair Mission allows us to further that mission by serving alongside a ministry whose goals naturally align with ours. It truly becomes a fulcrum for change—a beautiful, tangible expression of God's unconditional love. Partnership with Free Wheelchair Mission helps both of us fulfill what God has called us to do.

Ryan Zeulner, Missions Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church



Company and Foundation Supporters

Our special thanks to these corporations, foundations, and other organizations for their significant financial support in 2025.* Their generosity helped transform thousands of lives.

- Abra Prentice Foundation, Inc.
- Access Home Lending
- b.spoke
- The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
- CapRock Partners
- Cynthia Lake Charitable Trust
- Donald G. and Ellen Goodwin Family Foundation, Inc.
- Downs Energy
- Farmers & Merchants Bank
- Global Processing Systems
- Hager Family Foundation
- The Hanson Family Foundation
- Invacare
- The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation
- JKJ Charitable
- Kellogg Garden Products
- Kreider Construction
- LB Charitable Foundation
- The Logos Charitable Fund
- Marriott Daughters Foundation
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- Stewardship Foundation
- Tejemos Foundation
- The Thompson Family Foundation
- Wasily Family Foundation

*Companies listed contributed a combined \$15,000 or more.
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