Give The Gift Of Mobility

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- Elizabeth Fears in memory of Betty Kutz
- Bruce Leach in memory of Evelyn Buerfeld & Ethel Grump
- Rachel Smith in memory of Charles Iran

Honorary
- Balinda Vasquez in honor of David & Mary Cartu
- Joel M. Coffman in honor of Anita & Leonard Coffman
- in honor of Janet & Alan
- Richard Cram in honor of Jim Scatt
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- Jena Gass in honor of Anthony Lisa & John
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The World Health Organization cites over 21 million people who are leg disabled due to diseases, casualties and birth defects. The PET Mobility Project started in 1994 when retired Methodist minister Mel West (pictured) and two friends, a missionary in Africa (Larry Hill) saw the need, and an engineer (Earl Miner) designed a cart to meet that need. West began production of the first carts in his garage in Columbus, Missouri. From that, the volunteer organization has grown to 22 shops across the world. West said, "We have not served only 50,000 persons. Also served have been their family and caretakers, and communities."

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