



## What is Change for Wheels?

Change for Wheels is a campaign for elementary schools which inspires students to lift people in need into a wheelchair of their very own. Students raise money, one wheel at a time.

Students will gain an understanding of poverty and disability in the developing world and help to provide an innovative solution to this problem. Through their involvement, the students will be empowered to serve others and equipped to be responsible global citizens.

## How Do I Get Started?

### **Step 1: Select Free Wheelchair Mission Liaison Leaders**

- Find “go to” people in each area - Student leaders, Administrators, Teachers, & Parents.
- Set a fundraising goal – for this fundraiser, we suggest a goal of **1 wheelchair or \$63.94 per student...approx. \$16 a wheel.**
- Create or provide a **change jar/box** for each classroom or one main display in the lobby. This can be an all classroom/school project...or provided by the liaison leaders.
- Select a date to start the collection. Make sure to consider the other fundraising projects on campus and how you can avoid scheduling your campaign at the same time.

### **Step 2: Develop Plan for Turning in Donations**

- Determine where on campus donations will be collected. One place or in classrooms.
- Determine who will collect ALL donations and who will TALLY.
- Set an end date.

### **Step 3: Spread the Word!**

- Talk to your principal or PTA president about announcing the program in conjunction with Disability Awareness Week, international month, or at a school-wide assembly. This assembly should talk about the campaign – what it is, why students should get on board, how to get started.
- Put up posters of wheelchairs located at various places in your school
- Announce total donation amounts regularly in school newsletter and website





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## Collecting Loose Change

### **Step 1: Start Off by Collecting Loose Change**

- Tell students to make sure to check pant pockets, lunchboxes, backpacks, outside, and at home! Ask others including...
- Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins...everyone!
- Friends and Neighbors
- Teachers
- Classmates
- Send the Change for Wheels flyer home with students for families to see, along with the "About Free Wheelchair Mission" page.
- Engage in lemonade stands, bake sales and other outside activities as fundraisers to bring awareness to the school's fundraising activities and Free Wheelchair Mission.
- OPTION: classroom competition: pizza party for the most wheelchairs contributed? Something fun like that!

### **Step 2: Turn change into your school's change jar**

- Tally the total donations and input on your Donations Log, fill in the grand total, sign/date.
- Place all the loose change in a sealed envelope and give to your Free Wheelchair Mission contact.
- Retain a copy of the Donations Log for PTA files

Should you have questions or comments please feel free to contact your Free Wheelchair Mission contact. Sometime we have Free Wheelchair Mission representatives in your area that can come and speak at an assembly.

Again we thank you and appreciate your time and effort in making your schools' Change for Wheels campaign a great success!



## School Liaison Leader Sample Letter

Date

School Name  
Administrator name  
Street  
City, State, Zip

Dear Friends:

I am working to begin a campus-wide effort to promote people with disabilities and how we as a student body can make a difference. *Change for Wheels* is a campaign with Free Wheelchair Mission that inspires students to raise money for the disabled poor in developing countries one wheelchair at a time.

By participating in this campaign, our student body will gain an understanding of poverty and disability in the developing world and help to provide an innovative solution to this problem. We will be empowered to serve others and equipped to be responsible global citizens.

Sincerely,

Parent Leader



## School Liaison Donations Log

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Raised:** \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on Program at School:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return to your Free Wheelchair Mission at:

Free Wheelchair Mission  
9341 Irvine Blvd.  
Irvine, CA 92618



## About Free Wheelchair Mission

Free Wheelchair Mission's mission is transforming lives by sharing the gift of mobility with the physically disabled poor in developing countries as motivated by Jesus Christ.

### **Vision**

There are more than 100,000,000 disabled adults and children in the world and most of them could never afford a wheelchair. In developing countries, they live without this basic form of mobility by crawling through life or waiting for a loved one to carry them to fulfill the simplest of needs which impacts the quality of life for entire families. Our long-term goal is to provide 20 million wheelchairs.

### **What does a wheelchair cost?**

Only \$63.94. Approximately \$16/wheel. Our innovative wheelchair design uses simple common parts, it is easily assembled with little instruction, and the components nest together efficiently insuring modest shipping costs.

### **Distribution**

Free Wheelchair Mission has developed relationships with more than 120 distribution partner organizations in countries around the world. It is the responsibility of the distribution partner to assemble the wheelchairs upon arrival. The distribution partner agrees to incur any expense related to the storing, assembling, and distribution of the wheelchairs.



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## Sample Lesson

### About India

- India lies in south Asia, between Pakistan, China and Nepal. To the north it is bordered by the world's highest mountain chain.
- India is the seventh largest country in the world.
- India is the largest democracy in the world.
- Capital City: New Delhi. About 13 million people live there.
- India's population is one billion making it the second most populous country after China.
- Languages: 17 major languages, 844 dialects

### The need for wheelchairs

The estimated number of wheelchairs needed in India is 21,605,288. This is the story of Anand a boy from India. "Why should I study? I have no way to carry my books and must drag them along the ground. No one will hire a smart mind in dirty clothing." Before receiving a wheelchair, Anand's highest inspirations were to become a fruit vendor and make a wage only enough to live upon. Now he is able to carry his books in his lap. His grades have improved. He is studying hard now and would like to become an electrical engineer.

### Challenge

- What would your life be like if you lived in India? How would it be different? Similar?
- Write a story comparing your life to Anaand's life.





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**1 Chair - \$63.94**

**5 Chairs - \$127.88**

**10 Chairs - \$319.70**

**25 Chairs - \$639.40**

**50 Chairs - \$1598.50**

**100 Chairs - \$6394.00**



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