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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE GIFT OF MOBILITY®



**FREE
WHEELCHAIR
MISSION**



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“I have chosen to surrender this whole mission to God because I know that it is ultimately God’s work. From the beginning, I have gone to God in prayer when it came to making decisions and as the organization grew. I am working for Him, and I do my best to reflect that to staff, volunteers, and donors. We are delivering His work each time we give the life-transforming gift of mobility.”

Don Schoendorfer
President & Founder
Free Wheelchair Mission



A Letter From Our President & Founder and Our CEO

Dear friends,

In 2024, your prayers and generous support have continued to transform lives across the globe. Thanks to your compassion, we shipped 62,648 wheelchairs to 29 developing countries,* offering so much more than mobility—each wheelchair brings renewed dignity, hope, and freedom to individuals, their caregivers, families, and entire communities.

This year, we had the privilege of witnessing these transformative moments firsthand during vision trips, site visits, and training sessions with our distribution partners in countries like Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Pakistan, and Peru. These visits are crucial to strengthening our partnerships and expanding our reach, ensuring we can deliver even more wheelchairs to those in need.

Our mission's message continued to reach new audiences through digital platforms, radio interviews, magazine features, and public recognition of our award-winning partnership with Invacare, a global leader in mobility solutions. This growing awareness has strengthened our network of supporters, enabling us to provide more wheelchairs to more people.

Despite these achievements, the need remains urgent. An estimated 80 million people worldwide require a wheelchair, yet most cannot access one on their own. With your continued prayers, generosity, and partnership, we can remain steadfast in our mission to transform lives, making mobility possible—one wheelchair at a time.

Thank you for transforming lives with us.



Don Schoendorfer
President & Founder



Nuka Hart
Chief Executive Officer

*Statistics reflect data from Fiscal Year 2024: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.





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 1.4 million wheelchairs to individuals living with disabilities in 95 countries, providing renewed dignity, independence, and hope 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.



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, hindering 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.

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Professor and Chair, Department of Physical Therapy,
Azusa Pacific University

* Served in Fiscal Year 2024.
+ Serving in Fiscal Year 2025.





Where We Worked

Free Wheelchair Mission has distributed wheelchairs in 95 countries since 2001. In 2024, we shipped wheelchairs to the following countries:*

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

*This list reflects shipping data from July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024 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.

Marvin's Story

Marvin (41, Nicaragua) was shot in the legs during an unprovoked assault in 2011. The injuries, coupled with his diabetes, led to complications and a bacterial infection that necessitated the amputation of both legs. He was a single father, so his 14-year-old-son, Leonel, became his primary caregiver.

“My son is still young, so it makes it hard for him to help me move,” Marvin shared with deep emotion, “but I’m grateful to him because he hasn’t abandoned me.” Leonel has been Marvin’s greatest source of strength.

The family survives on only \$30 a month—which covers the cost of food but isn’t enough for a wheelchair. Feeling helpless and burdensome, Marvin fell into depression.

In 2024, Marvin received his very first wheelchair through our local distribution partner, Metanoia Missions. “I know that this wheelchair will not only make it easier to get around,” said Marvin, “but will also help lift me out of this pit of sorrow and pain.” Not only has mobility changed his life, but also Leonel’s. Seeing his father’s renewed hope and independence has given Leonel the freedom to focus on his own growth.

“Each wheelchair has the power to bring the community together to support the user and inspire them to believe that there is hope.”

Moises Araúz, Metanoia Missions



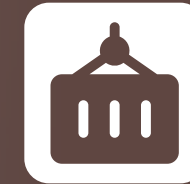
Marvin, 41 years old, Nicaragua



Our Impact*



62,648 Wheelchairs
Distributed to 29 Countries



125 Containers of
Wheelchairs Shipped



172 Wheelchairs Distributed
Per Day on Average



82% of Wheelchairs Distributed
With a Christian Message



14 Distribution Partners Trained
or Audited in 13 Countries



1,428,344 Wheelchairs
Distributed Since 2001

*Statistics reflect data from Fiscal Year 2023: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024.

Innovating for Impact

At Free Wheelchair Mission, innovation has been a driving force ever since our founder's initial vision. Each year, we strive to enhance the design, durability, and cost-efficiency of our wheelchairs, ensuring they meet the needs of the individuals who rely on them. Every adjustment and improvement reflects our commitment to maximizing the impact of every donation.

Our team of engineers plays a crucial role in this process. They work diligently to test our wheelchairs, analyze performance data, and incorporate feedback from our distribution partners in the field. These valuable insights help us refine our models to tackle diverse terrains, increase user comfort, and maintain affordability—all while upholding the high-quality standards our users deserve.

“Through our partnership with Free Wheelchair Mission, we have been able to provide wheelchairs to more people than ever before! In recent years, we have seen an increased demand for the kind of wheelchairs made by Free Wheelchair Mission. Their openness to our feedback has led to ongoing refinements that better serve our wheelchair users.”

Joey Tell, RICD Wheelchair Project, Thailand

By prioritizing innovation, we continue to extend the reach of our mission. Every enhancement to our wheelchairs represents an opportunity to transform more lives, empowering individuals with the mobility and independence they need to thrive. Through these ongoing innovations, we are steadily moving closer to our vision: to provide three million people with the gift of mobility by 2035.





María, 82 years old, Ecuador

María's Story

María, an 82-year-old indigenous woman, lives in the mountains of Ecuador. She was once active in her community, but she gradually lost her mobility.

The rugged terrain of her village posed barriers, limiting her ability to fully participate in daily activities. For years, her daughter supported her, carrying her to ensure she stayed connected to family and neighbors. However, as time passed, the physical demands on both mother and daughter became more challenging. Still, María's spirit remained unbroken.

A transformative opportunity arose when María received a wheelchair from our local distribution partner, Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil. The new wheelchair, designed for use on road conditions often found in developing countries, empowered María to once again visit neighbors and participate in the community she has always cherished.

"Free Wheelchair Mission's wheelchairs have enabled more and more people to be included in the communities to which they belong. Additionally, they are the most suitable for use in the more rural areas of the country, allowing recipients to attend physical therapy sessions and medical centers to improve their health and, in turn, their quality of life."

Diana Alfonzo, Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil

For María, the wheelchair represents more than mobility—it symbolizes freedom, renewed hope, and the ability to embrace life's simple joys again.

Our Distribution Partners

In 2024, Free Wheelchair Mission distributed 62,648 wheelchairs through our distribution partners, including:*

ADR
Agape Mobility Ethiopia
Al-Khidmat Foundation
Bethany Kids
Buenas Nuevas
Camino de Vida
CAPNI
Children International Philippines
Christian Aid Ministries Nicaragua
CILSA
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 El Salvador (FUNHOPO)
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
Urban Mosaic
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, 2023, and June 30, 2024.



Partnership in Action

In June, Nuka Hart, CEO of Free Wheelchair Mission, traveled to the Dominican Republic alongside Geoff Purtill, President and CEO of Invacare, a leading worldwide manufacturer and supplier of mobility and healthcare solutions. Invacare is dedicated to its mission of “Making Life’s Experiences Possible®.” For over five years, the company has shared its technical expertise to support the research, design, and production of cost-effective wheelchairs for Free Wheelchair Mission. In addition, 425 Invacare employees from 20 countries participated in the 2024 Move for Mobility, resulting in over \$30,000 raised to provide new wheelchairs.

During their visit, Geoff and Nuka worked with team members from Invacare and Free Wheelchair Mission’s local partner, El Buen Samaritano Hospital, to assemble and distribute wheelchairs in remote communities. Reflecting on the experience, Geoff shared,

“Our work in the Dominican Republic was awe-inspiring and an amazing opportunity to witness the profound impact of providing mobility to those in need. The overwhelming gratitude from recipients reminds us how much we in developed countries often take for granted. Free Wheelchair Mission has an outstanding program for giving back, and Invacare is committed to supporting their efforts long into the future.”

Nuka expressed her appreciation for the partnership, stating:

“We are incredibly grateful for the strong relationship we’ve built with Invacare over the years. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to innovate and serve many more communities around the world.”

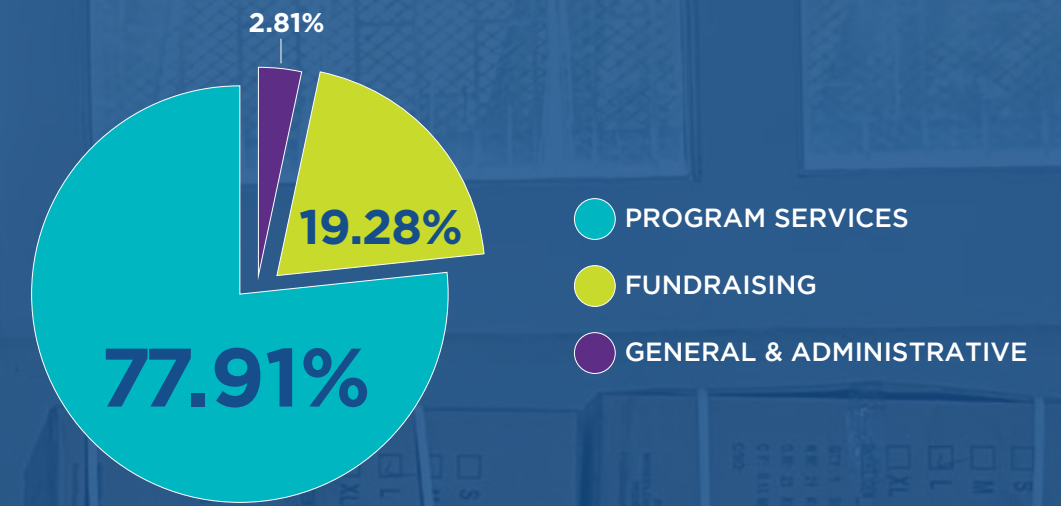


Our Financials*

In 2024, we continued to strive for excellence by maintaining a 78% program ratio as we distributed 62,648 wheelchairs in 29 countries.

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

Expense Allocation



Statement of Financial Position			
Assets	2024	2023	2022
Total Current Assets	\$2,702,061	\$2,657,586	\$2,582,334
Other Assets	\$1,717,030	\$1,220,499	\$963,066
Total Assets	\$4,419,091	\$3,878,085	\$3,545,400
Liabilities	2024	2023	2022
Total Current Liabilities	\$491,221	\$645,817	\$716,580
Other Liabilities	\$332,590	\$372,829	\$259,650
Total Liabilities	\$823,811	\$1,018,646	\$976,230
Net Assets	2024	2023	2022
Unrestricted/Undesignated	\$2,257,836	\$2,214,343	\$1,860,349
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,337,444	\$645,096	\$708,821
Total Net Assets	\$3,595,280	\$2,859,439	\$2,569,170
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,419,091	\$3,878,085	\$3,545,400

Statement of Activities			
Support & Revenue	2024	2023	2022
Contributions	\$11,394,387	\$10,969,834	\$8,990,684
Gift-in-Kind	\$6,563,702	\$3,092,177	\$2,763,573
Other Revenue	\$459,515	\$318,017	\$135,437
Total Support and Revenue	\$18,417,604	\$14,380,028	\$11,889,694
Expenses	2024	2023	2022
Program Services	\$13,775,816	\$10,808,424	\$8,866,985
General and Administrative	\$496,296	\$466,096	\$593,135
Fundraising	\$3,409,651	\$2,815,239	\$2,357,353
Total Expenses	\$17,681,763	\$14,089,759	\$11,817,473
Net Assets	2024	2023	2022
Change in Net Assets	\$735,841	\$290,269	\$72,221
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$2,859,439	\$2,569,170	\$2,496,949
Net Assets, End of Year	\$3,595,280	\$2,859,439	\$2,569,170

*Fiscal years reflect July 1st through June 30th of 2024, 2023, and 2022.

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



A Family Mobilizes

Nema Daghandan first learned about Free Wheelchair Mission in 2014 through a men's group at Mariners Church in Irvine, California. "I was deeply saddened to understand the scope of the actual problem in which people are either permanently homebound, carried, or forced to crawl in so many parts of the world," remembered Nema. "However, I was equally inspired by the fact that there was such a direct and tangible way of helping those in need."

When Nema shared this mission with his wife, Natalie, she was eager to support it. Since then, Natalie has become an active member of the Orange County Women's Council for Mobility and enrolled her family in Mobilize, our monthly giving program.

"Through Mobilize and a commitment to monthly giving, Free Wheelchair Mission can better plan and forecast, and that's an amazing part of their work. I also love getting the emails showing exactly where our giving is going. My kids have never seen the challenges that disabled people face in developing nations. Through these emails, I can show the kids, 'Look, this is who we are helping, and we are helping them because they are God's children, just like us.'"

Natalie Daghandan

Nema added, "While there are many great charitable organizations, Free Wheelchair Mission stands alone to us in its ability to communicate its impact throughout the world. With its simple and transparent mission, there is a clear understanding that the dollars we spend are used to provide life-changing equipment."

"God happened to make us born in the United States, into strong families, with access to education," reflected Natalie. "With those opportunities comes significant responsibility—to give back and care for others."





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Our special thanks to these corporations, foundations, and other organizations for their significant financial support in 2024. Their generosity helped transform thousands of lives.*

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