

friendship



The gift of a free wheelchair immediately improves the quality of life for the recipient and every member of their family.



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Wheelchair Foundation Canada

"Serving the World"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



The Wheelchair Foundation Canada

The Knights of Columbus are joining Wheelchair Foundation Canada in providing free wheelchairs to children, teens and adults worldwide who are without mobility and cannot afford a wheelchair. Hope, Mobility, Freedom and Independence are given to people deprived of mobility by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age.

independence
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mobility

- **Mission** Wheelchair Foundation Canada is involved in an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, to create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world that needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, Wheelchair Foundation Canada delivers Hope, Mobility, Freedom, Dignity and Independence.

- **The Need** It is estimated that over 100 million people with physical disabilities worldwide need wheelchairs, though less than 1 percent own or have access to one. The number of physically disabled is likely underestimated, due to the difficulty in accounting for “forgotten” citizens who spend their lives hidden from sight.

In many developing countries, the only way for a person with physical disabilities to be mobile is to crawl along the ground or to be carried by family or friends. An all too common reality is that many people stay in bed or in the corner of a room for years at a time, sometimes for the rest of their lives.

- **Mobility** Working in collaboration with the Wheelchair Foundation global network, around 10,000 wheelchairs per month are being delivered worldwide. Mobility creates independence and new possibilities for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family. An elderly person with mobility can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in bed. The joy that a simple mobility device can deliver is what gives people a new outlook on life, dignity, and hope for the future.



- **Action** The wheelchairs provided by Wheelchair Foundation Canada are purchased in bulk and are designed to be the best possible solution in developing countries. Each donation of \$150 will allow one wheelchair to be delivered to someone in need. Wheelchairs are shipped in containers of 100 to 280 wheelchairs to our in-country distribution partners, and offered free to those most in need. Wheelchairs with similar features sell for over \$600 in North America. For individuals or councils that wish to sponsor an entire container to a specific country, please, contact Christiana Flessner for details. (Contact information below)



“BY HIS HAND WE TOUCH THEIR LIVES...AND CHANGE OUR OWN FOREVER.”

How Knights Can Help

In cooperation with Wheelchair Foundation Canada and our distribution partners, Knights can change lives with the gift of mobility. Since 2003, Knights have sponsored the delivery of thousands of wheelchairs to destinations around the globe, including Afghanistan, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Poland, Mexico and Canada, to name a few.

Currently the partnership is broadening rapidly across Canada, touching the hearts of Knights, councils and their priests and parishes.

For More Information

To find out more about this humanitarian relief mission, contact Christiana Flessner by email at cflessner@wheelchairfoundation.ca or by telephone at (604) 536-2022 or toll free at (866) 666-2411. To learn more about Wheelchair Foundation Canada and to watch videos of the Knights distributing wheelchairs worldwide, visit WWW.WHEELCHAIRFOUNDATION.CA.

Wheelchair Distribution Project

freedom

\$150 will deliver a wheelchair to a person without mobility. Please fill out this donor information form completely in case we need to contact you about the delivery and distribution of wheelchairs.

\$150 \$300 Other \$ _____

Official tax receipt will be issued in the name of the DONOR unless otherwise indicated

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Council Name _____

State _____ Council #. _____

Donor Name _____

Contact Name (if different from Donor Name) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

IF YOU REQUEST, a personalized certificate of thanks with a photo of a wheelchair recipient will be issued by Wheelchair Foundation Canada

YES, please send me a certificate to read:

Wheelchair Foundation Canada wishes to thank:

Donor (above) Council (above) Other _____

For the gift made:

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Name: _____

YES, I would like to receive your quarterly newsletter.

Whole container options: (contact office for more information)

\$42,000 = 280 standard /260 mountain bike tire wheelchairs to: _____

\$16,500 = 110 standard /100 mountain bike tire wheelchairs to: _____

Cheque enclosed

CREDIT CARD Visa Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on card _____

Card Number _____

Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Please make cheques payable to:

Wheelchair Foundation Canada

Post Office Box 75038

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