



**Our Mission:** to reflect the love of God by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.

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## Volunteers Do More Than Provide Mobility



**Volunteer teams to Guatemala donate and do work in addition to mobility distributions.**

PET International provides mobility and more as evidenced during a recent distribution of PET carts in Guatemala. When Estella (seated) received her PET, she also received compassion, understanding and love from Ilse Caballeros of partnering agency Hope Haven International and Barbara Moran of PET International (standing). Estella (and Ilse and Barb) were brought to tears as she described her inability to walk for many years due to a spinal cord injury. She relied on others to carry her around. No longer now that she has her independence. By the way, Estella enthusiastically picked out the only PET cart with a pink colored seat.



Estella is no longer dependent on others to carry her around.



It's very important that people receiving a PET cart are properly "fitted" with their new mobility device. Here Joe Marnin of IA and Carleen Jean of TX, PET International volunteers, ensure that Antonio (seated) can properly reach and manipulate the hand crank while maintaining his balance during a recent distribution in Guatemala. Antonio was born with a birth defect and has never been able to traverse by himself unless he crawled on his hands and knees.

Volunteers work to properly "fit" its new owner.

**Special points of interest:**

- 1,714 PETs were produced by March
- Ways to Help:
  1. online gift
  2. mail a check
  3. donate stock to our brokerage account
  4. sign up for monthly auto debit
  5. offer to present PET materials and story to others
  6. pray for our mission and those who travel on distributions

- Read our "Top Stories" each month. Sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter on our website's home page.
- We can receive online donations via **PayPal** thru the red donate button on our website. Join others in easy, monthly auto debit donations from your checking or PayPal. Find the form on our website under Help. Thank you for your consideration.

Please send gifts to:

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An amputee receives a PET to enhance his mobility in Guatemala. Oftentimes, regular wheelchairs aren't well suited for rough rural terrain where PET recipients live.

**Project funded by PET Team.**

"Dr. William Sosa used some of the funds we provided to him to pave a dirt trail for a woman who had received a PET cart previously (not from our group). Attached are some photos, one includes a sign with thanks to us! He posted them on Facebook and I downloaded a few..."



Mixed concrete, rock, and water on the street and hauled it up the hill to pave the trail...that's work..."

Report shared by our board secretary, Barbara Moran, who helped lead the Team. Cost of the trip to volunteers always includes a little extra for local assistance projects in Guatemala.

Life is made a little easier!

Thanks to you, this woman had received a PET earlier. In addition, our new Executive Director, Scott Walters, was able to participate through your support.

**Thank You!**





## 3,984 More Wheels Roll Out



Kirby Goering, Affiliate Director at PET Kansas and volunteer to PET Int'l, adds to production numbers.

## Lots of Visitors at PET IN-DeMotte

**PET shop to host 2016 Annual Conference September 22-24, 2016.**

In September, the team of PET volunteers in DeMotte, IN will be hosting our annual conference. We meet annually to share information, learn production tips & updates, be inspired by distribution partners, and more. Harry (MD) & Echo (PA) VanderWal of TLC will be our guest speakers for the Celebration dinner. All friends and volunteers are invited. Watch our website for details & registration information; come join us.

<http://petinternational.org/about-2/annual-conference/>

PET IN-DeMotte became a trained and approved Affiliate in 2012. In 2015 they began a partnership with The Luke Commission to load and send all their mission supplies including PETs. TLC is a rural medical services provider serving in Swaziland. They have been a PET distribution partner for seven years sending us great distribution and follow up reports on PETs and their owners. Today two of PET IN-DeMotte's volunteers, Bob & Arla Gabrielse, are in Swaziland making a bigger connection. This Affiliate built their #1,000th PET cart in 2016.



A local antique car club recently visited the PET shop in DeMotte, IN showing off another kind of mobility.

## Promotion by GuideStar USA, Inc.

PET International was promoted to Gold level status.

Another Excellent Reason to Donate to PET International!

PET International has just been promoted to Gold Participant Status with GuideStar USA, Inc. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofits which donors have come to rely on as they research charities. **This prestigious award demonstrates that PET International has a deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.**



Pictured here are a couple ladies from Sierra Leone who literally crawled to a recent PET cart distribution to benefit from your generosity. We are a faith-based, non-profit charitable 501 (C) (3) organization fully recognized by the Internal Revenue Service with the EIN #86-1128278 and very deserving of your generous support.

Donate now at [www.PETInternational.org](http://www.PETInternational.org)

## Gifts in Memory or in Honor of

**Memory** of Donna Hofmeister by Roger Hofmeister, Jim & Glenda Wrinkle; Betty Parrish by Virginia Bertz; Jack Lampman & wife Anne by Sue Mittag-Alker

**In Honor** of Lucy Sauer's birthday by Charles Sauer; Les & Sue Campbell by Maxine Blystone;

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## You Can Help More Persons Get Off the Ground—Donate Today

I want to Give Mobility. (If your name and address are on your check, you need not fill in here.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my gift of:** \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$300 \_\_\_ Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Memorial or \_\_\_ Honorarium on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

(If a name & address are provided, an acknowledgement card will be sent.)

I would like to receive newsletters thru my email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form above with your gift to 503 E. Nifong Blvd. #186, Columbia, MO 65201. A receipt will be sent. PET International is a 501(c)(3) organization.**