

# **Wheelchair Help**

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Wheelchair Help.org Ability-Center.org 1.6 million of 300 million in US use wheelchairs

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Hundreds of friends that have

donated or sponsored equipment. Our Volunteers & Board of Directors

### Ask us about...

Ability-Center.org 295-2223

MichianaPolioNetwork.org 537-8737

Spinal Cord Injured Persons in Touch SCIPit • Support Group 831-2329

Northern Indiana Disability Awareness Network

Advocacy & Support Network 825-5672 Foundation for Music & Healing 993-2093

Music Lessons for Special Needs

**Through Our Eyes** 773-7733

Therapy for Children with Disabilities

AbilitiesExpo.com 800-385-3085

Largest Expo & Seminars, Chicago & Detroit ADEC. Assoc for abled Elkhart County 848-7451

Fibromyalgia Group 295-2230 for info

Loveway • Horseback Riding 825-5666

Reins o f Life • Horseback Riding. So Bend 291-4540 **Multiple Sclerosis** Group 264-5219

Parkinson's Group meets@Greencroft 537-4105 Young Onset Parkinson's 295-2230 for info

Pony Express 862-4337

Horse Riders Helping Disabled

**Scleroderma**.org Group 536-8274 • 800-722-4673

Spina Bifida Group 293-4976

River City Rollers 287-0078 Wheelchair Basketball

Vocational Rehab • Equip & Training 293-2771 Suppliers:

Elkhart General Home Medical Equip 523-3100 Sponsor of Wheel chair Help at 22 Ways of Giving'07

LinRay Home Medical Equip 522-5706

Park Home Medical Equip 533-0626

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Alicks Home Medical Equipment 522-2273

National Seating 271-1891

Custom Wheelchairs • Wheelchair Help Supporter **U-Scoot** • Power Chairs 877-718-3772

Accubuilt Tuscany Vans • 389-1414

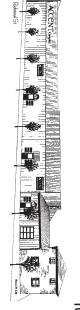
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**Superior Van & Mobility 261-5042 • 866-340-8267** Wheelchair Help Supporter • Van Donations

Van Taxi, Elkhart/Goshen:

Maple City Taxi 534-0026 Smoke Free

Heart City/Goshen Transit 295-6886



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## Our Mission

is to improve **Quality of Life** and **Health** by providing wheelchairs and mobility equipment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or Insurance.

Gifts

of **donated equipment** are provided when need is obvious and funding options limited. Our faith based local board prefers a "no strings giving" policy. Be a friend and tell a friend whose **Quality of Life and Health** would be improved by a "**World of Mobility**".

### Loaners

of **Donated wheelchairs** and equipment are offered to all in our community **regardless of income or disability**, up to 3 months or more without obligation. Specialized wide or light wheelchairs are offered short term based upon need and circumstances.

**Burden** is relieved in short term situations while offering education opportunity prior to investment that often would result in expensive equipment that does not meet practical needs of **transportablity** and mobility through **narrow doors**.

Older people must overcome ancient stigmas remembered from wheelchairs. Offering to take a loved one to a special occasion with a wheelchair may open their life to a "World of Mobility", positively improving Quality of Life and Health.

# Sponsor a Scooter

Partners with our community to gift scooters, power chairs, wheelchairs... where powered mobility is not funded by Medicare... Insurance, nor affordable through our subsidy programs.

Wheelchair Help covers the difference by sourcing new equipment directly from small manufacturers. Example: \$1000 Need,\$300 subsidy Sponsored with \$200.

Ultra-lite scooters are transportable in any vehicle because they easily disassemble into 20# - 28# components. 99% of power chairs are 100's of pounds.

Equipment is sourced directly from smaller manufactures that do not spend millions on marketing and overhead common with big brands. We don't pay for high dealer overhead costs factored into "allowable billing" to Medicare, Medicaid or Insurance.

## Music Outreach

"Silver & Gold" brings piano music into **Nursing** & **Retirement Homes**.

# **Project Ramp**6' Modular Wood Ramps for the future.

# Budget Assistance

is offered to "reasonably responsible" people needing assistance beyond subsidized pricing. Affordable Interest Free payments are offered with 1/3-1/2 down where income or weak credit would not qualify for traditional financing. Wheelchair Help is comfortable with and committed to this risk. We insist that it not be used unless necessary.

Mobility equipment is expensive due to high marketing costs of large manufacturers and dealers who must follow difficult procedures to bill Medicare... Pricing is determined by "Medicare... allowable price", not a competitive market. Few complain because Medicare... is paying. These dealers are very conscientious, professional and caring, however are not permitted to "discount significantly" for uninsured because Medicare... would "deem that fraud".

Wheelchair Help receives no government funds. We are not regulated by, nor do we bill Medicare, Medicaid or Insurance. We strive to **not duplicate services** of traditional providers, so do not offer big brands. Non-donated equipment bills through Wheelchair Help LLC, our wholly owned subsidiary to comply with IRS 501c3 regs.

## Subsidies

savings usually are 50% - 75% regardless of income or disability for donated or new equipment where Medicare... Insurance will not fund. This is a win-win opportunity for all allowing Wheelchair Help to provide services independent of Government and Medicare... bureaucracy.

# How Can I Help?

Be a Friend and **Tell a Friend** about Wheelchair Help. **Network** with those that may want to help.

### Volunteers are needed to:

- Clean parts and restore equipment.
- Transport donated equipment, deliver and pickup parts for cleaning to home based volunteers who can not get out but want and need to volunteer.
- Help and Organize equipment to keep our facility clean and safe.
- Visit and consult with individuals needing in-home assistance.
- **Pickup donations** over 100 miles away by **combining with other travel**.

### **Tax Deductible Donations:**

Wheelchairs, Power Chairs, Scooters, Lifts, Wheelchair Vans, Vans, Cargo Trailers. Appraisal is not required values under \$5,000. Vans are placed with disabled persons and never auctioned, so exemption 5b applies.

Cash donations are needed to support our conservative budget. Gifts of Real Estate, Stock, Life Insurance, Life Income and Bequests insure long term programs.

Ask for our Giving Brochure, Auto-Mobility Assistance Fund and Family Retreat Scholarship Fund.

### Luke 14: