



Wheelchair and Medical Equipment Donations



A wheelchair can help transform the lives of people with disabilities, providing the independence and freedom to pursue rewarding work and fulfilling endeavors in and outside the home. But without insurance, the costs of a wheelchair and other assistive technology equipment can be prohibitive.

There are many charitable organizations and government-funded services that can help match individuals in need with donated and refurbished wheelchairs. While the work of some of these non-profits, including Ability Found and Wheelchairs 4 Kids, is specifically dedicated to improving the lives of those with disabilities, national organizations with broader missions, such as the Salvation Army and Rotary, may also offer wheelchair donations through local chapters. Assistive Technology Centers, found in every state, are funded under the Assistive Technology Act and aim to increase the availability of assistive technology among people living with disabilities. Most offer

device loan libraries, including long-term use of wheelchairs, or run device exchange message boards.

Organizations that donate equipment internationally:

Ability Found

<http://www.abilityfound.org>

Attn: Ernest Robison Ph.D.

2324 S. Constitution Blvd

West Valley City, UT 84119

Phone: 877-231-4567

E-mail: info@abilityfound.org

Ability Found provides medical and rehabilitation equipment free of charge to people with disabilities who cannot afford it.

Free Wheelchair Mission

<http://www.freewheelchairmission.org/>

15279 Alton Parkway, Suite 300

Irvine, CA 92618

Phone: 949-273-8470, 800-733-0858 (Toll-free)

Free Wheelchair Mission works around the world in partnership with humanitarian, faith-based and government organizations to provide wheelchairs to impoverished people with disabilities in developing nations.

LifeNets - The Wheelchair Project

<http://www.lifenets.org/wheelchair>

1227 Woodchase Trail

Batavia, OH 45103

E-mail: mike@lifenets.org

LifeNets matches donated wheelchairs to people in the U.S. who cannot afford or qualify for wheelchairs, as well as to people in developing nations.

Momentum Wheels for Humanity

<https://momentum4humanity.org>

9509 Vassar Ave., Unit A

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Phone: 818-255-0100

Momentum Wheels for Humanity offers wheelchairs and rehab services to children and adults with disabilities in developing nations.

ROC Wheels

<http://www.rocwheels.org/>

709 N. 19th Avenue

Bozeman, MT 59718

Phone: 406-556-8065

E-mail: info@rocwheels.org

ROC Wheels develops, manufactures and deliver wheelchairs and other mobility devices for people in developing countries including Iraq.

Rotary International

<http://www.rotary.org>

Individual clubs may provide assistance with wheelchairs. Use the online club locator at <https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder> to find your local club.

Walkabout Foundation (US office)

<https://walkaboutfoundation.org/>

19 W. Putnam Ave, 2nd Floor

Greenwich, CT 06830

Phone: 203-629-5290

Email: info@walkaboutfoundation.org

The Walkabout Foundation is a non-profit organization that focus on funding research to find a cure for paralysis and donating wheelchairs to people in need around the world. The Walkabout Foundation donates the RoughRider brand of wheelchair which is suited to the rough terrain of the developing world.

Walkabout Foundation (UK)

<https://walkaboutfoundation.org/>

Worlds End Studios

132-136 Lots Rd.

London SW10 0RJ

Phone: 44 (0) 207 5813680

Email: info@walkaboutfoundation.org

Wheelchair Foundation

<http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/>

3820 Blackhawk Road

Danville, CA 94506

Phone: 925-736-8234, 877-378-3839 (Toll-free)

E-mail: info@wheelchairfoundation.org

The Wheelchair Foundation provides free wheelchairs to children and adults in the U.S. and in developing nations.

Wheels of Hope

www.wheelsofhope.org

1387 Clarendon Ave. SW

Canton, OH 44710

Email: Patrick@wheelsofhope.org

Collects used wheelchairs and mobility aids, refurbishes and distributes the equipment to partners in various countries. Along with the equipment and wheelchair distribution, they or the in-country agency also provide home health care instruction and Christian ministry.

Whirlwind Wheelchair International

<https://whirlwindwheelchair.org/>

2111 San Pablo Ave., Unit 2956

Berkeley, CA 94702

Phone: 510-239-3557

Email: info@whirlwindwheelchair.org

Whirlwind Wheelchair International is a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the developing world while also promoting sustainable local economic development in the process. Whirlwind works with wheelchair riders around the world to design durable and highly functional wheelchairs that perform well on rough terrain, are individually appropriate for each user and his or her respective environment and are built in factories that contribute to local economic development.

Organizations that donate equipment within the U.S. only:

Back in Action

<https://at4nj.org/welcome-to-back-in-action/>

Disability Rights New Jersey Assistive Technology Advocacy Center

210 South Broad Street, 3rd floor

Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: 609-292-9742, 800-922-7233 (Toll-free in NJ)

Back In Action is a used equipment recycling program for assistive technology devices. The program acts as a clearinghouse for items that are for sale (usually at a minimal cost) or offered for donation or loan. Back In Action is primarily for New Jersey residents, but residents of neighboring states may also use the service.

Friends of Disabled Adults & Children (FODAC)

<https://fodac.org>

4900 Lewis Rd.

Tucker, GA 30083

Phone: 770-491-9014

FODAC is a non-profit organization that provides refurbished home medical equipment (including wheelchairs) and assistive technology to children and adults with disabilities.

F.R.E.E. (Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment)

<http://www.free-foundation.org>

1489 E. Main St.

Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-777-4929

E-mail: roanoke@free-foundation.org

F.R.E.E. collects, sanitizes, repairs and gifts donated mobility equipment to uninsured and underinsured adults in Virginia. Equipment includes wheelchairs, power chairs, canes, walkers, ramps, prosthetics and orthotics, scooters, hospital beds and bathroom equipment.

Wheelchair Help

<http://www.WheelchairHelp.org>

515 East St. Ability Center
Elkhart, IN 46516
Phone: 574-295-2230

E-mail: info@wheelchairhelp.org

Wheelchair Help is a non-profit organization that helps people who are uninsured or underinsured to get wheelchairs. Wheelchair Help is a community supported organization and services are limited to 50 miles from Elkhart, Indiana.

The Wheelchair Recycler

<http://wheelchairrecycler.org/>

9 Summer Street

Ashland, MA 01721

Phone: 508-460-6328

The Wheelchair Recycler provides customized and refurbished power wheelchairs to people in need. The program aims to expand throughout the U.S.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids

www.wheelchairs4kids.org

1976 S. Pinellas Ave.

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Phone: 727-946-0963

Email: info@wheelchairs4kids.org

Wheelchairs4Kids is a non-profit that assists children in getting wheelchairs, home modifications, assistive devices, and vehicle modifications at no charge to them.

Organizations that provide loans of equipment and assistive technology:

GoodHealthwill

<http://www.goodhealthwill.org/links-to-nonprofits>

Email: info@goodhealthwill.org

GoodHealthwill is a nonprofit with stores in Loveland, Greeley, and Brighton. They evolved from RMMOR, Rocky Mountain Medical Outfitting and Recycling.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

<http://www.mda.org/services/equipment-assistance>

161 N. Clark, Suite 3550

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 800-572-1717

National Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training (AT3) Center

<https://www.at3center.net/stateprogram>

Phone: 217-522-7985

The mission of the Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training Center (AT3) is to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technologies by individuals of all ages with disabilities. It maintains a searchable list of state programs.

Pass it on Center

<https://pioc.gatech.edu/pioc/>

AMAC Accessibility

Georgia Institute of Technology

512 Means Street, Suite 250

Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Toll-free: 1-800-497-8665

passitoncenter@gatfl.gatech.edu

The Pass It On Center, as the National Assistive Technology Device Reutilization Coordination and Technical Assistance Center, offers a searchable, state-by-state database to find local reuse programs.

For more information on assistive technology, see the Reeve Foundation's AT factsheets at www.ChristopherReeve.org/factsheets.

Organizations that provide information on equipment, not actual equipment:

Silver Cross

<http://www.silvercross.com/>

Phone: 844-352-7677 (Toll-free, U.S.)

Silver Cross provides objective information to help consumers select new or recycled stair lifts, home elevators, wheelchair lifts, ceiling lifts and other accessibility lifts and mobility devices. The organization also provides information on local funding sources.

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