



## MEXICO CITY 2012: **HELPING HANDS, HELPING HEARTS**

Love joins. Love for those who need help, love for those who cannot help themselves. Love unites us: people of different countries and cultures, different languages, different jurisdictions and parishes, different orders, - same faith, same hearts, same dedication to make a difference in the lives of others, transforming their lives through the gift of mobility and through selfless giving of themselves.

Maria Montessori said at the beginning of the last century: Hands are the instruments of human intelligence, by 'doing' we learn. During our travels, with every wheelchair we deliver, we witness that our hands are also the instruments of showing our love. A hand on a shoulder while listening, hands lifted up high in a sigh of relief, knowing that now life will be better, at least a bit, hands thrown up in excitement and joy, hands clasping in gratitude, connecting with a deep understanding of intentions in a moment which will connect us forever on a deep basic, human level, united as members of one large global family.

In October 2012 BC/Yukon State Deputy Wil Wilmot and his wife Val traveled to Mexico City to join their Mexican brothers in delivering the container of 280 wheelchairs sponsored by councils across their jurisdiction in private homes, at CRIT, a childrens' rehabilitation centre, the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe. Both gladly lent their hands, lifting small children into their new chairs, hugging their mothers, adjusting footrests, shaking hands with proud husbands and fathers, both gladly and openly showing their love for those they were helping. All now know that they are not alone in their struggles. They know that there are many in a far away place in the North who truly care for them.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who help make this happen!



**Transforming Lives Through Mobility**

- BC /Yukon State Deputy Wil Wilmot



*..dignity ..freedom ..hope*

**WHEELCHAIRS DELIVERED  
and Committed To Date**

Afghanistan	1750
American Samoa	240
Antigua	280
Argentina	280
Belize	110
Bolivia	80
Canada	678
Chile	940
China	387
Colombia	840
Costa Rica	130
Cuba	950
Dominican Republic	950
Ecuador	560
El Salvador	1400
Ethiopia	540
Fiji	140
Haiti	210
Indonesia	430
Iraq	280
Jamaica	280
Kenya	560
Lithuania	560
Mexico	11420
Nepal	540
Panama	2240
Peru	340
Philippines	950
Puerto Rico	110
Russia	283
Rwanda	290
Sierra Leone	670
South Africa	560
Sri Lanka	280
Tajikistan	240
USA	110
Venezuela	280
Vietnam	950
Zambia	560
<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>	<b>32398</b>



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