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The Mission: Provide wheelchairs to individuals who do not qualify for other assistance, and who could not obtain such equipment without financial aid.

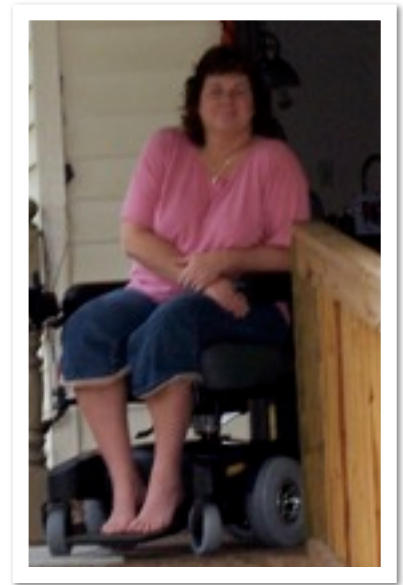
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Give The Gift of Mobility This Holiday Season

Despite the struggling Michigan economy and the challenges of having to move to a new facility, 2007 has been another great year for Alternatives in Motion.

Many generous community organizations continue to show their support through fundraising, grants, and special events benefiting Alternatives in Motion. So far in 2007 we have assisted 65 people with their mobility needs and are planning to help another 15-20 by year's end. While we are proud of these numbers, we also know there are more people out there who need our assistance. We have a goal to help over 100 individuals each year, but to do this we need your help!

As the holiday season quickly approaches we ask that you find it in your heart to make a year end financial contribution to Alternatives in Motion. Your gift will allow us to repair equipment in our used wheelchair inventory and help people like Lori



Lori enjoying her new power wheelchair from Alternatives in Motion (11/07)

gain the independence they desire. As 2008 gets closer we continue to search for new methods of funding and support. We would like to thank all of our donors for their generosity and wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday season.

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Used Equipment:

Through in-kind donations of new and gently used mobility equipment we have been able to assist more people with their mobility needs. 2007 brought in nearly 60 pieces of

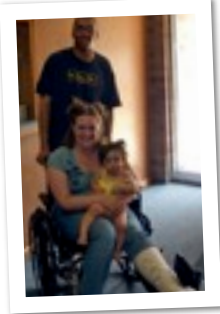
new or gently used equipment that we were able to get to the individuals who need it most. DJ (right) received a nearly new Permobil Entra power wheelchair that was recently donated to Alternatives in Motion. If you or someone you know has mobility equipment they would like to donate,

please have them call our office at (616) 493-2620. All donations, both cash and in-kind are tax deductible.



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Meet Our Recent Recipients



Noberto:

Imagine raising two children and not being able to participate in all of their activities. For Noberto, he had to face this difficult situation every day as it was too hard for him to walk even short distances, let alone take his kids to the park or the mall. After having several surgeries on his legs and ankles Noberto knew he needed mobility assistance. He was referred to Alternatives in Motion in late August and we provided him with a manual wheelchair in early September.

Noberto now keeps his wheelchair in the back of the family van and has it with him whenever he needs it. Noberto says he enjoys the mobility which enables him to spend time with his family. "The ability to get outside when I want to makes me feel like a kid with a new toy. Thanks to Alternatives in Motion from the bottom of my heart for what you do to help others. God bless you all."

Shirley:

For a long time Shirley, who has Multiple Sclerosis, has had a difficult time just getting out of bed, let alone getting outside of her house. Days after receiving her manual wheelchair, Shirley and her family were able to attend a local festival, something they had not done together in years.

A note from Shirley's daughter Jennifer:

"On behalf of Shirley and the family we would like to take the time to share a big thank you to Alternatives in Motion for the wheelchair. Thanks for giving people the hope they need to move forward and enjoy life. Please enjoy the smiles on our faces in this photo, simply because you put them there."



Special Events Update:

“What’s Your Handicap?” Golf Classic

The Third Annual “What’s Your Handicap?” Golf Classic was held on Tuesday August 14th at Thousand Oaks Golf Club in Grand Rapids, MI. 80 golfers played in this year’s event that brought in \$14,780.00 for Alternatives in Motion. Golfers enjoyed a great round of golf at this beautiful Michigan course and ended the day with a dinner and silent auction. A special thank you goes out to all of our sponsors, without your support we could not continue give the gift of mobility to those in need. For a complete list of sponsors, please visit www.alternativesinmotion.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2008 GOLF OUTING: MONDAY AUGUST 11

Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon

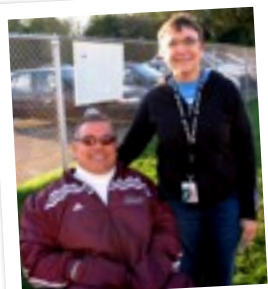
Alternatives in Motion was once again one of the charitable organizations for the Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon. This year’s event was a huge success and saw a large increase in participation from runners and sponsors. Over 2,400 runners participated in this event and they all received information about Alternatives in Motion. Last year the marathon raised over \$30,000 for local charities. As the numbers are coming back for this year, we are looking forward to breaking that previous accomplishment. Thanks to Metro Health, Don Kern, the Marathon Committee, and everyone who participated in this event. Your support is greatly appreciated.



2008 Wheel Run Together

The Grand Valley State University Physical Therapy students are proud to announce the 12th Annual Wheel Run Together 10K, 5K, and 1-mile fun walk. This event will take place on April 5, 2008 at the GVSU Allendale campus. The Wheel Run has been benefiting Alternatives in Motion for the last nine years and has raised over \$24,100. New this year is the 10K race option. Organizers are hoping to draw more runners who are training for longer spring time runs. If you are interested in running or sponsoring this event, please visit www2.gvsu.edu/~alfonsom/wheelrun for more information. Thank you to race coordinator Sarah Reese and all of her friends for planning this great spring time event.





Charity of the Year Update:

The 2007-2008 Charity of the Year Campaign is off to a great start. Middle schools and high schools participating in the Michigan Association of Student Councils (MASC) and the Michigan Association of Honor Societies (MAHS) around the state are planning and organizing fundraisers that benefit Alternatives in Motion. Student leaders have set a goal to raise \$150,000 for AIM by the end of the school year. So far students from Livonia Stevenson High School, Comstock High School, and Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter have held successful fundraisers. (See photos above) AIM founder Johnnie Tuitel is promoting the Live in Motion campaign and making personal visits to any of the MASC/MAHS member schools interested in raising money for our organization. Help us reach our \$150,000 goal by encouraging your son or daughter to do a fundraiser for Alternatives in Motion. Together we can provide the gift of mobility and help others "Live in Motion."

Our Holiday Wish List:

There are several items on our wish list that would help with our daily operations. Please review the following list if you are interested in donating or purchasing items for Alternatives in Motion. Thank you for your support!

2007-2008 Wish List:

- Wireless head set for hands free operation on office phone
- Outdoor sign for our new office
- Used van with wheelchair lift
- Portable folding wheelchair ramp
- Large metal storage cabinet with doors
- Metal filing cabinet
- Television with VCR/DVD input jacks
- Toolbox with basic tools and equipment for repairing wheelchairs



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