



Partnering with SCORE

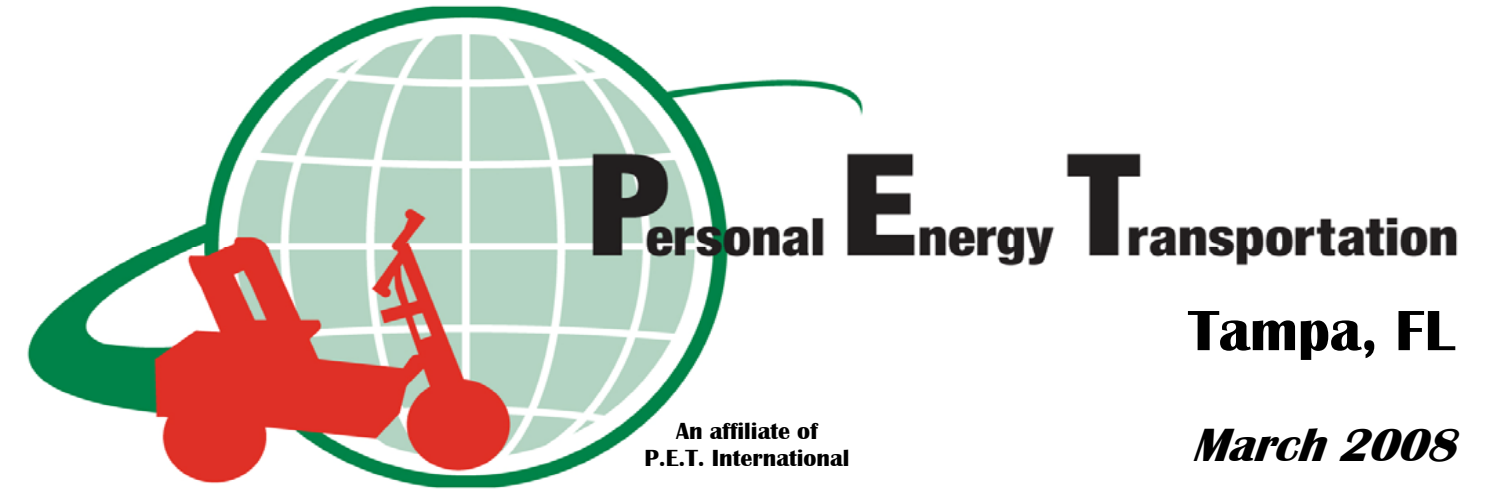
This PET wheelchair was given to a young man by a mission team from South Tampa Fellowship during their trip to the Dominican Republic in September last year. Living in a very remote and poor sugar cane village, he had spent his entire life crawling on the ground on his hands because he has no use of his feet. The entire village celebrates with him at his new-found mobility. Thank you to SCORE ministries for partnering with PET and churches to serve the people in this village!

Prayer Requests

- Praise for God's continued protection over the workshop, volunteers, and the PET wheelchairs as they are delivered!
- Pray for our continued financial support and that the funds would be provided for the tires, chain, hardware, tools and other items we must purchase.
- Pray for the Lord to direct our efforts and the distribution of the PETs. Pray for the third party shipping carriers. Pray also that the recipients who are in need of the chairs would be located.
- Pray for these PET wheelchairs to lead the lost to Jesus Christ through their production, distribution and use.



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A Vision Come True

Larry Hills, the co-founder of P.E.T. International, has had a vision for the past 7 years. His desire was to see a dedicated workshop for PET built in the retirement community area of Penney Farms, located just southwest of Jacksonville, Florida. That vision has now become a reality! Volunteers from the Tampa workshop wanted to share in the excitement and joy of the opening of the facility, so on February 29th, nine of them traveled to the new Penney Farms workshop for a visit.

Penney Farms is unique in that it is one of the few retirement communities in the country that is built upon the philosophy that every resident should be able to volunteer in some area. This allows them to keep their costs low as those residents with specialized skills help maintain the community by using their skills and knowledge in everything from lawn care to health care.



Tampa PET volunteers visit the new Penney Farms PET Workshop



But even better yet, this volunteer philosophy has spread beyond the gates of their community by the encouragement of residents to partner with other outside volunteer-based organizations. Now with the opening of the new Penney Farms Workshop, there is a wonderful abundant supply of volunteers as over 10% of the Penney Farms community residents volunteer there regularly. Praise the Lord!

Larry Hills (center) leads a guided tour of the new workshop

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Volunteer Spotlight

The Judkins make volunteering at the PET Workshop a family activity. Jeff Judkin, his wife Debbie, and his son Ben, have been coming to the PET Workshop to serve regularly for the past two and a half years. The Judkins, who are members at Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa, are supportive of the PET ministry by generously giving of their time, money, and resources. Like most everyone who has volunteered with PET, they keep returning because "you know you are making a difference in someone's life when volunteering here. It will most likely be someone you will never know. Only God knows. It is an opportunity for the family to serve and we love it!"



Jeff, Debbie and Ben Judkin volunteer as a family together at the workshop

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One Scout Makes a Difference

Boy Scout Joseph Manson with Tampa Troop 53 completed his Eagle Scout service project by collecting donations for the PET ministry. Through his efforts he coordinated the collection of hundreds of pounds of clothing and raised over \$300. Having been a past volunteer, Joseph realized that he could connect his scouting service with the PET ministry. Through this process he completed his Eagle Scout service project earning one of the highest honors in scouting. Thank you, Joseph, and congratulations!



Joseph Manson of Tampa Boy Scout Troop 53 delivers donations.

Project Cure Partners With PET For Mobility

PET partners with many other organizations to accomplish its purpose of giving mobility to those who cannot walk. One such organization is Project Cure, led by chairman Alan Feldman. Project Cure collects medical items from hospitals and clinics and then sends them overseas to people in need. Recently, Project Cure donated a large collection of crutches, walkers, canes, and standard wheel chairs, which were then delivered to the Penney Farms Workshop. These items will soon be packed along with PET wheelchairs and shipped overseas through partnering with another organization, Hope Haven Ministries.



Alan Feldman of Project Cure delivers mobility devices.

How you can help

This is a growing but daunting ministry due to the great need. There are many ways to help as the many current volunteers and contributors have learned.

INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL CHURCHES

- Pray for the 21 million people in the world who have lost the use of their legs through polio, landmines, war amputations, crocodiles, etc.
- Give/Raise Funds: This is always basic. It takes money to buy metal and parts, to weld, to package, to ship, and to distribute. "Ask...and you shall receive" -- is the message of Scripture. Be creative.
- Find People with welding, metalworking, or woodworking skills who can offer to help build PET parts. Help them with expenses--buy the metal, etc. Help them ship it to Tampa PET in Tampa, FL USA.
- Find Businesses that sell or make "off the shelf" items needed for the PETs. Ask them to donate or sell to you at no profit. Send the items to The PET Place.
- Talk about the PET Project to others. Say in conversation, "Our church is doing a fascinating mission project..." Tell the story. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!
- Ask your company if they provide matching funds for donations, volunteer service, or group projects. It is generally quite easy to qualify PET Tampa to receive these types of funds. Ask them if they would be interested in bringing a group to work at the PET workshop.

DONATIONS—To make a donation, please print out our donation form on the website, or use the one below, and send it along with your donation to: PET FLORIDA, P.O. Box 2105, Tampa, FL 33601.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART—Honor your loved ones while helping to provide another person with mobility. Two gifts in one, a Gift From the Heart celebrates a special occasion, in honor of, or in memory of, while supporting the work of The PET Project. A note will be sent to the person being honored. This gift information can be filled out on our donation form.

ESTATE PLANNING—As you do your estate planning, consider making the PET Project a part of those plans. The need for the GIFT OF MOBILITY is an ongoing need with millions around the world awaiting it.

Volunteer information

The Tampa P.E.T. workshop is open every Saturday from 9AM-3PM and Thursdays 1:30PM-4:30PM. Volunteers are needed to assist with packing (each PET includes about 30 pounds of clothing, toys, supplies, etc. that serve as the packing material), sorting, painting, assembly, woodworking and metal work. No prior experience is necessary, training is provided, and volunteers of all ages are welcome. There is a particular need for experienced welders. The oldest volunteer is 90 years old and teenagers can fulfill their community service hours as well! Please note that under age 15 requires adult supervision.

For more information, or to donate good used or new clothing, supplies, toiletries, etc., contact:

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Workshop Location:

1109 E Osborne Ave, Tampa, FL 33603
 East of Nebraska on 12th St and Osborne (just off of I-275 in Tampa at the MLK exit). See map below.

Workshop times:

Saturday 9AM - 3PM
 Thursday 1:30PM - 4:30PM
 Check the website for holiday hours.

Website:

www.tampapet.com



PET Project Donation Slip

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Your donation to the PET ministry will provide someone with a whole new way of life. Help raise a child or adult from the dirt to dignity with your gift.

The cost of each PET, including materials, assembly and shipment, is \$250.

Gifts of all amounts are accepted and appreciated! All donations are tax-deductible.

Please detach and return the bottom portion with your contribution.

Please accept my gift of \$ _____ to the P.E.T. Workshop.

(Make checks payable to "P.E.T. Tampa, Florida" and mail to:

P.O. Box 2105, Tampa, FL 33601)

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____