

“Wheels For The World “

Wheelchair Restoration

The meticulous restoration of collected wheelchairs takes place in the U.S. by carefully trained inmates in seventeen separate correctional facilities in Colorado, Tennessee, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Oklahoma, Florida, Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana, Arkansas, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and California. With increasing output capabilities at each restoration site, and additional centers planned, Joni and Friends is aggressively addressing the staggering need worldwide.

Wheels for the World currently restores wheelchairs in 17 prisons in 14 different states. These prisons include federal, state, and private institutions. We are actively seeking more locations.

For more information on how to include a *Wheels for the World* wheelchair restoration shop in your plans to keep inmates busy and at the same time productive:

Inmates are trained to restore a wheelchair to a like-new condition. The inmates learn to work together, perfect basic mechanical skills, and produce a product of which they can be proud. Hardened inmates have been moved to tears when they see the happiness in a photo of the face of a little boy or girl receiving a wheelchair of their very own. A comment from one inmate was, "Before, when I reached out, it was to take things or hurt people. Now it feels like I've reached halfway around the world through these bars to help someone. I'm giving them something better in life."

Wheels for the World is also restoring some types of rehabilitation equipment.

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