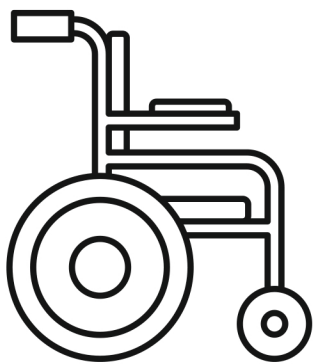


Assembling the chair frame and frame sub-assemblies.



Oh yes, there is always mid-morning coffee, treats, conversation and some camaraderie.



If you are interested in finding out more, contact our church office and they will have someone call you back. It would be great to meet you, review the activity to see if it would be a good fit for you and your volunteer time. The workshop is located just south of the church, and east of St. Ed's Arena (previously the Phillips Middle School gym.)

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Consider our church-based, Fort Dodge wheelchair assembly workshop.

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LOCAL MISSION GLOBAL IMPACT

Mobility is a key aspect of our personal independence. Self-confidence, self-esteem, self-sufficiency go hand-in-hand with independence. The wheelchair shop at First Presbyterian Church has been rehabilitating or assembling new wheelchairs for children around the world during the past two decades. The assembly shop helps support the work of Hope Haven Ministries, headquartered in Rock Valley, Iowa. Find them online at hopehaven.org.

Their tagline is three words that say a lot about who they are: "Faith. Community. Possibilities." They provide a number of services, but our connection is with the part of their organization called Hope Haven International Ministry. Inmates at a South Dakota correctional facility produce a number of the sub-assemblies for the chairs and then our facility is one of the assembly workshops. The finished wheelchairs go back to Rock Valley to wait for sufficient contributions to come in order to cover the material and shipping costs to get them to their third world destination.

We have community volunteers from three different area churches currently helping in the workshop. We are in need of some more volunteers, however. To get an idea of what is involved the following picture sequence should help fill in the story.



The finished chair and all its possible attachments.



The chair with the included components ready to be boxed, and then the boxing of the chair.



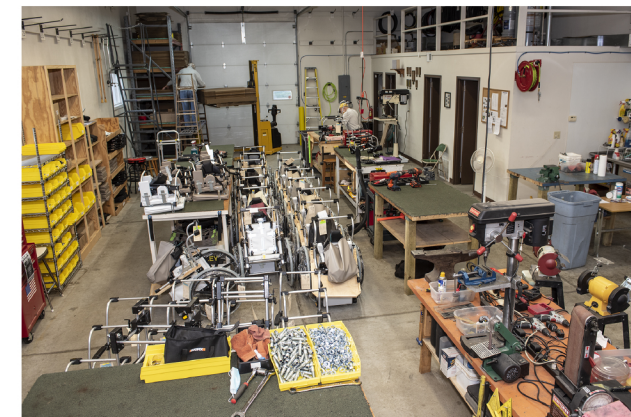
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On to the warehouse, until enough are assembled and boxed for a Hope Haven Volunteer to truck them away.



Preparing sub-assemblies for the final chair.



Chair Assembly

