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Joni and Friends to Hold Wheelchair Collection July 13, 2012

AGOURA HILLS, Calif., Jul 13, 2012 – On July 13, 2012, Joni and Friends Wheels for the World plans to hold a wheelchair collection at the Joni and Friends Disability Center. The event will be held from 1p.m. to 7 p.m. and anyone, from individuals to businesses, can bring wheelchairs, collapsible walkers, aluminum crutches, and canes for donation. Joni and Friends volunteers and local Chair Corps representatives will be available to accept your items. After the articles are refurbished, they will be sent sent to the less fortunate all over the world.



This event will be an opportunity to benefit someone in need. Many people in foreign countries do not have the financial or physical access to disability aids such as wheelchairs, and this lack of access often leaves individuals stranded within their homes, missing out on many of life's joys. The Wheels for the World outreach, however, brings relief to the disabled through the wheelchair service. The donated articles, after being refurbished at a Joni and Friends Restoration Center, will be sent overseas accompanied by a trained professional to personally fit the chairs to the recipients.

Joni Eareckson Tada knows the importance of disability aid. After a 1967 diving accident, Joni was left a quadriplegic but has battled through the difficulty, emerging as one of the most prominent champions of the disabled. Joni knows how to relate to others facing physical disability and her passion has made Wheels for the World a truly effective outreach. The organization has held multiple donation drives that often receive anywhere from 50 to 100 items every time.

Finally, not only do the recipients receive a new wheelchair, they are also presented a Bible by one of the volunteers. Through the presentation of the gospel, a spiritual as well as a physical need is met by Joni and Friends.

Donation pickup will be at the Eastside parking lot at 30009 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, Ca 91301 at the Eastside parking lot of the Joni and Friends Disability Center. The Center for Liberty will also be involved with interns following the chairs all the way from the distribution center to the country of destination.

For more than 30 years, [Joni and Friends](#) has worked to accelerate ministry to the disability community, offering a wide array of life-affirming ministries to people with disabilities around the world. Joni and Friends does this through the [Christian Institute on Disability](#); the International Disability Center; international radio and television programs filled with inspirational stories; [Wheels for the World](#), which every year sees thousands of individuals receive wheelchairs and the life-giving message of the Gospel; and [Family Retreats](#), where families affected by disability learn they are not alone.

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