

Power Wheel Chair and Power Scooter Program Meyer Mobility Center, Bridge Disability Ministries

Equipment Availability

We want to do all we can to help you get the power equipment you need. We are dependent on donations of equipment by others so we may not have the equipment you need right now, but we can work with you to determine the type of equipment you need and let you know when we receive something we believe may work for you. There is no way for us to predict when equipment that fits your needs will be donated.

Process for Obtaining Equipment

1. The 1st step is getting authorization from your doctor. We need to know that your doctor believes you will benefit from the equipment and can operate it safely. **This can be faxed to 425-885-3900.**
2. Before you receive equipment, we must have at least a portion of the suggested donation, which ranges from \$150 to \$2,500 depending on the value of the equipment you receive. For basic scooters we suggest \$150 - \$250; for basic power chairs, \$300 - \$600. New batteries are in addition. The amount we suggest is around 10% of the original retail value of the equipment.
3. If you are not able to donate the suggested amount, do you have family, friends, a church or other organization that can help? Another option is a low interest (5%) loan from Washington Access Fund (206-328-5116).
4. We will do all we can to see that you get the equipment you need and we do not want money to prevent that, but we are asking that you do what you can to help, including asking others for help. We do make equipment available for free if all other options are exhausted. We are listing things in this order because power wheelchairs and scooters are the most costly pieces of equipment for us to make available in terms of our time and expense.

Information we need in order to help you

To select the right equipment, it helps us to know the age, weight, and height of the person who will use the equipment and whether they are right or left handed – also any physical limitations they have. If they are in a wheelchair that fits them well, what is the width and depth of the seat? Are there special features to help the equipment best meet your needs: tilting, reclining, or elevating seat; elevating leg-rests; belts or harnesses; special arm or head rests, etc?

You are Responsible for the Maintenance and Repair of Your Equipment

We do not have the volunteer resources, the financial resources, or the space to maintain a parts inventory to do repairs on the equipment we give out. Our ministry's focus is on receiving donations of serviceable equipment and getting it ready to loan out to help as many people as possible. This takes all the resources we have and more. This means you must be responsible for maintaining your equipment.

Your Donations Help Us Keep Helping People Just Like You

We cannot be here next year to help you and others without donations of volunteer time, medical equipment and money. If you know people who might be able to help in any of these ways please tell them about us. Donations help us cover our overhead and enable us to be here for you and others.