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Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation Raises More Than $90,000

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly student chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation helped raise more than $90,000 to support people around the world who lack freedom of mobility.

Sponsored by four local San Luis Obispo Rotary clubs and supported by Cal Poly’s Greek community, the Wheelchair Foundation raised enough money this year to send more than 500 wheelchairs to Malawi, Africa. The group also raised enough to build a water well and create an educational endowment of more than $50,000 for orphaned children in the country.

In the previous six years, the Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation has raised more than $250,000 and delivered some 3,300 wheelchairs to people in need in Peru, Ethiopia, Thailand, Guatemala, Belize, Argentina and Paraguay. The club has received three Cal Poly President's Community-Based Learning and Service Awards for Significant Service.

To make a contribution, contact Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation at 805-756-2010 or calpoly@wheelchairfoundation.org.

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