

GoBabyGo! Mission: All people exploring their world via independent mobility!

The GoBabyGo! movement began with Cole Galloway, PT, Ph.D. at University of Delaware. He recognized that low-cost, easy-access mobility devices were needed for young children with movement delays. Research shows that independent mobility promotes cognitive development and social interaction in children as young as six months. Mobility changes spatial awareness, exploration, autonomy, and self-determination.

About GoBabyGo! Nebraska!

- **On the web:** <https://www.unmc.edu/mmi/services/pt/gobabygo.html>
- Initially funded by a MMI Guild Grant, March 2016
- Additional funding from an Olsson Associates Foundation Grant, May 2016
- Funds established a partnership between MMI Physical Therapy and the University of Nebraska Medical Center PT, UNMC Students of the University of Nebraska APTA (SUNAPTA), UNL Biomedical Engineering student organization, and Peter Kiewit's IEEE student organization
- First build, August 2016, led by mentor and trainer, [Sam Logan, Ph.D Oregon State University](#)
- **To Date:** 125+ cars have been given at no cost to families in the greater Omaha area and across the region including Bellevue, Elkhorn, Gretna, Syracuse, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Verdigre, Hastings, Norfolk, Papillion, South Dakota.
- In 2016 and 2018, additional community foundation grants funded a Kearney Chapter led by Kellie Gossman and UNMC Physical Therapy students.
- Kearney has hosted five community events and given away 10+ cars to children in the central Nebraska region including: North Platte, Kearney, Hastings, Elm Creek and Holdredge.
- Two, small privately funded builds, one through the NU Foundation and one through SOFT (Support Organization for Families of Trisomy 18, 13 and Related Chromosome Disorders) donated 4 cars.
- GoBabyGo! BIG! Guild Grant (2018) placed 7 modified cars in multi-user, community based settings (Omaha area schools, preschools, respite care centers, MMI Recreation Program and Children's Hospital).
- 2019 Spring: Anonymous community donor commits five years of funding.
- 2019: Additional community volunteers lend support from OPPD, Methodist Occupational Therapy School, Creighton Jays4Peds, Assistology, and UNMC Student Alliance for People of All Abilities (SAPA).
- 2020: Due to COVID, small events are held with only 2 to 4 volunteers modifying 2 to 4 cars at a time and delivering them to area therapists for children who may benefit.
- 2021: Union Pacific co-sponsors a community event at their headquarters in Omaha: 11 cars are given away.
- 2022 Spring: First full build since start of COVID pandemic. 11 cars are given away, more than 50 volunteers support the effort including UNMC PT and OT, Creighton OT, UNO/UNL Engineering, OPPD and MMI PT.
- If interested in learning more, please email our team at: gobabygo@unmc.edu
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