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

The GoBabyGo! movement originated with Cole Galloway, PT, Ph.D. at University of Delaware. He recognized that low-cost, accessible mobility devices were needed for young children with movement delays or limitations. 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/index.html](https://www.unmc.edu/mmi/services/pt/gobabygo/index.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, Children’s Hospital and 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, 7 large-scale, community builds have been held at UNMC.
- 67 cars have been given away to families in Omaha, Bellevue, Elkhorn, Gretna, Syracuse, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Verdigre, Hastings, Norfolk, Papillion and 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 two community events and given away 7 cars to children in North Platte, Kearney, Hastings, Elm Creek and Holdrege.
- 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).
- Spring 2019: 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).
- **Learn more:** email gobabygo@unmc.edu
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