Can you imagine your father or grandfather needing a wheelchair or walker, but not having access to one? This is a reality facing families around the world, but you can do something about it by donating your gently used walkers, wheelchairs, canes and other needed medical items to Global Links.

We wanted to share this story we recently received after a Global Links donation of wheelchairs and other supplies arrived in Nicaragua in fall of 2021. One of the wheelchairs went to Jaime*, 100 years old and living in a rural community. He was unfortunately bedridden for some time. He and his family were overjoyed that he could be mobile once again. They shared that he cried with happiness to be able to be outside of their “little house to see the sun and the rain.” In Nicaragua and in many of the countries where we work, a family cares for their elders at home. Having a wheelchair means the family can safely take care of their parents/grandparents with dignity and better quality of life. *Name changed for privacy.

Nicaragua: Wheelchairs Improve Mobility and Quality of Life

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