

## CReATE Volunteer



**C**itizens **R**eutilizing **A**ssistive **T**echnology **E**quipment (CReATE), established in 2007, is a non-profit refurbishing power wheelchairs, scooters and manual wheelchairs, and provides these at a low cost to those who otherwise would not be able to afford them. Parts and chairs unable to be used are recycled with reputable area companies. The money earned is put back into CReATE. The program has distributed over 240 devices and kept over 29 tons of mobility devices out of the landfills by reusing the used mobility devices. Individuals or organizations may also donate unwanted mobility devices to CReATE.

Possible hours: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please, no minors. Call for specifics on time commitment. CReATE at this time does not offer one-time volunteer opportunities, but is in need of on-going help.

**Supervisor:** CReATE Technician

The CReATE Volunteer will assist in refurbishing the devices and help at the CReATE warehouse. Duties the volunteer could assist with include, but are not limited to:

- Cannibalize wheelchairs to be recycled using small power tools such as a drill. (Remove joy sticks controllers, brakes, foot plates, etc.)
- Check batteries on power wheelchairs and recharge batteries when necessary.
- Help organize the shop by putting cannibalized parts in designated area.
- Clean devices with steam cleaner and cleaning agents.
- Trouble shoot electronics.
- Tasks can be tailored to an individual's needs and goals within the scope of CReATE's mission.
- Refurbish wheelchairs to a manufacturer standard.
- Test drive wheelchairs when service is complete.

Volunteers are essential to the CReATE program to increase access to mobility devices for people with disabilities; preventing usable devices from being discarded in the landfill. With your help, CReATE can continue to help others.

### Who CReATE Serves:

Services are provided to people with disabilities throughout the state of Utah. CReATE will accept consumers regardless of race, national origin, religion, geographic location within the state of Utah, age, sex, disability, political affiliation, or belief. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by CReATE. The CReATE staff reserves the right to deny services to any consumer when the severity of the disability or complexity of the technology needs of the individual is beyond the scope



and training of the CReATE staff. CReATE device transfer services are limited to refurbished devices in the current inventory. CReATE generally does not have pediatric (children's) devices.

### Transferring Device Ownership:

CReATE will not loan equipment. The ownership of the device will be transferred from the CReATE Program to the individual acquiring the AT device. CReATE's intent is to transfer AT devices to individuals and therefore the devices are not for resale.

Devices are not sold, but a service fee is charged based on the work performed on the chair so that it will meet a manufacturer's standard.

### Location:

Judy Ann Buffmire Building  
1595 W. 500 S.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84104



### Contact:

Phone: 801-887-9398 (If the call is made during non-business hours, leave a message, and we'll return your call on the next business day.)

Web site: [www.createutah.org](http://www.createutah.org)

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