

## **news release**

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### **UNITED VAN LINES DONATES SERVICES TO TRANSPORT IRON LUNG**

ST. LOUIS – United Van Lines, the nation's largest household goods transportation company, has donated hauling services from Montgomery, Ala. to Minneapolis, Minn., for an iron lung.

There are approximately 40 polio survivors in the United States who still use iron lungs to stay alive. The company that makes and services iron lungs announced on March 1 that it would no longer procure service parts to support or repair iron lungs. This creates a problem for the people who use iron lungs, as they will have no way to order new parts to repair their machines. Their only hope is to find a machine that someone is not using anymore and store it for parts.

A woman in Montgomery, Ala., had an iron lung in storage and wanted to donate it to someone who was in need of it. Jim McPherson, a continental driver for Paulk's Moving & Storage of Mobile, Inc., Mobile, Ala., an agent of United Van Lines, donated his time to transport the iron lung to a woman in Minneapolis on June 10. The truck arrived to deliver the iron lung, but it was too large to fit through the narrow streets. When United's agent Barrett Moving & Storage Co., Minneapolis, Minn., heard of the problem, they quickly provided a smaller truck shuttle at no cost.

United Van Lines transports electronic equipment, trade show exhibits and displays, works of art, and specialized freight, in addition to household goods. United, with headquarters located in suburban St. Louis, maintains a network of 1,000 affiliated agencies in 135 countries around the world. More information about United and its services can be obtained through the company's Web site at [www.unitedvanlines.com](http://www.unitedvanlines.com).