



**Transcription for
I Haven't Tipped Once in the 10 Years Video**

Narrator: Imagine a wheelchair that can roll down sandy beaches, make its way up trails, and plow through grass and gravel. It's been available to developing nations for years, but now you can buy one in the U.S. KJO's Kristen Haines has more.

Kristen Haines: We're riding around on the San Francisco State campus on a couple of wheelchairs called RoughRiders.

Student(?): Rolling through the pine needles right now.

Kristen Haines: Ralf Hotchkiss is a paraplegic and invented the RoughRider.

Ralf Hotchkiss: It has fat mountain bike tires on the rear and an extremely wide, over three-inch-wide front tire.

Kristen Haines: He says the sturdy wheelchair is made to prevent tipping on rough terrain.

Ralf Hotchkiss: I used to fall two, three times out of American chairs a year. In the ten years since I've had this longer wheelbase I have yet to get it to fall once forward.

Kristen Haines: And now you can buy a RoughRider of your own from Whirlwind Wheelchair International.

Ralf Hotchkiss: They sell for 800 dollars for two chairs, one of those chairs will be given away in a developing country, the other one is yours to keep.

Kristen Haines: From San Francisco State, I'm Kristen Haines, KJO810.

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