

HOMELESS VETERANS HOME REPAIR UPDATE



Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program

24th Edition

Holly Springs Afghanistan Army Combat Veteran gets new Mobility Ramp

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Veterans who served our nation are not just to be thought of during Veterans or Memorial day. They live, work, and have families in the same neighborhoods that we do and sometimes as they get older complications to their health and well-being set in many years after they have hung up their uniforms. Ryan Miller is one of those Army Veterans who paused his civilian life to serve his country as a Combat Engineer.

Ryan is or rather was an avid cyclist, however, his time in the Army caused him long term medical issues with his hip and back and it is now taking his toll and will cause him issue for the rest of his life. Ryan in the past several years has been an active participant in many previous Home Depot Veteran Home Repair projects to include helping us build the Vietnam Travelling Wall that came to Blue Ridge a couple of years back.

As his condition has worsened over the past couple of years, he and his wife realized that their Holly Springs home would require changes and adaptive modifications as his long term prognosis is that he will have trouble walking, standing and other mobility items as he gets older.

Ryan has been a great asset to our program and he helped pay it forward by helping other Veterans who needed mobility projects. I am including some pictures of Ryan from a Woodstock project that he was part of for a Veteran who had an amputated leg and could not get out of his house..

We are grateful for the understanding of Home Depot Team Depot and Foundation for the need to move forward on this and a few other projects. We also want to thank David, Pro-desk lead for his help in submitting the Home Depot Foundation grant for Ryan and for the help with ordering and delivering the product during a time when materials were scarce. Teamwork as we have developed with the local Home Depot Stores and the Home Depot Foundation is what makes doing these projects such fun and never a burden.





ACWORTH VIETNAM AIR FORCE VETERAN GETS NEW RAMP AND WALK

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Russell Caudle served in the Air Force for over 20 years and spent time in Vietnam as part of MAC-V headquarters under General William Westmoreland. He is now 88 years old and is 100% Disabled and could only leave his house by sliding down a makeshift ramp to get to doctors appointments with his wife.

Our team was contacted last fall to see if we could help him get a new ramp and with the help of Home Depot Foundation and the Canton Home Depot Pro-Desk team we were able to obtain a grant to build him a new ramp. Our team was helped by Arrow Exterminators and Builders Insurance volunteers during the project along with members of our Veterans team which included Veterans from the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force. This is what we love to do for Veterans in need as many Veterans suffer not being able to afford similar projects.



Giving a Hand Up—Programs that help our Vets

We want to thank all of our volunteers and companies that made this project possible and who were willing to work on a project to help make a difference in a Veterans life.

Lastly, I want to thank Roger Mickelson who has been our designer, mentor and friend for the past six years that we have been doing these projects for Veterans. Even though Roger was not on the last project, he still came up with the design and BOM from his house in Wisconsin.



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