

# AGING IN PLACE

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PROGRAM, THIS IS A  
MOVEMENT."

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Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County is excited to announce the rollout of our newest repair program, Aging in Place! This program is designed to *empower seniors to live independently in their home* through repairs, modifications, and home preservation projects. We aspire to provide them and their loved ones with a peace of mind regarding safety and autonomy.

Our Aging in Place (AIP) strategy has been carefully derived from in-depth research on successful Habitat AIP affiliates, non-Habitat affiliated AIP programs, and Habitat Clallam's own AIP experiences. Through this research, we have mapped out a solid approach to helping people maintain their independence while they age in place.

There are 7 steps to the process:

1. Open the rolling application period
2. Review and choose applicants
3. Crew will assess the home and the needs of the homeowner
4. Negotiate scope of work with homeowner
5. Secure funding
6. Finalize contract
7. Initiate work

To qualify for this program, one must be **65 and older, fall within 30% - 80% AMI, live in Clallam County, and have homeowner's insurance. The housing unit must be owner occupied.** They must also meet the general requirements of any family partner such as the need for service, the willingness to partner with Habitat, and the ability to pay a low or no interest loan for cost of materials. Lastly, the homeowners must be current on all taxes.

## HOMEOWNER INVOLVEMENT

Through the Aging in Place program, we ask for **8 hours of sweat equity** from any persons residing in the house over the age of 18. As there are sometimes physical limitations present in the 65+ age group, sweat equity will be evaluated and qualified on a flexible basis. Homeowners must also be present in the home while staff and volunteers are on site.

Examples of Sweat Equity include:

- Making lunch for the volunteers
- Writing thank-you notes to suppliers
- Clearing pathways in the home to the work site

## SCOPE OF WORK

We will be offering modifications and repairs geared towards independent living for older adults. To the left, you will find specific repairs, modifications, and home preservation projects we believe reflect that value. The work is not, however, limited to the items listed.

	<b>Repairs</b> Decks Siding Repair	
	<b>Home Preservation</b> Exterior Cleanup    Painting Landscaping	
	<b>Modifications</b> Lighting Grab Bars Widen Doorways Curbless Showers Slip Free Flooring	Cabinet Hardware Turn Space in Bathrooms Eliminating Steps on First Floor Railings on Hallways Contrast Stairs

## AGING IN PLACE TESTIMONY

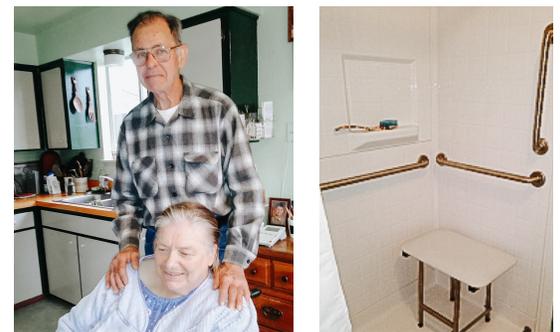
40 years ago, Billie and Paul saved enough money to purchase a home—a home they would raise their family in, create special memories in, and live out their lives. But years later, there was an illness that left Billie wheelchair bound. Their home, which had been their comfort, instantly posed enormous challenges. The doorway into the only bathroom was too narrow to access with a wheelchair. This barred her entry into it and **rendered her unable to take a proper shower for over a year.** She'd lost her safety and her dignity. Now retired, on a tight fixed income, they were unable to hire someone to make necessary changes and unable to do it themselves.

But there was hope! They heard about Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County's repair program and contacted us. Our team came to their home, assessed the issues, and created an affordable payment plan for them. In no time, they had an ADA-accessible shower stall and pull bars there they needed them. **Their home is once again their safe haven, and her dignity is restored.**

### Hear from them!

Paul: "I was very impressed end to end. The team did a world-class job. They were always on time and respectful."

Billie: "I had lost memory of what my bathroom looked like. It is so nice to take a shower again."



*Paul and Billie and their new shower!*