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AFTER 10 YEARS DISABLED WOMAN CAN FINALLY TAKE A SHOWER

Most people take showering for granted, but not Deanna Field. She is a paraplegic and thanks to the ingenuity of Elite Remodeling, she was able take a shower for the first time in 10 years.

Because of space restraints the project had some challenges, but Elite's Sales Manager John Voigt who is an Aging in Place Specialist and an expert in tackling challenging situations created a workable design that more than satisfied the needs of the Fields. Elite's Construction Manager Steve Adcock was personally on hand to monitor the actual day-to-day construction of the remodel project.

"She was born with spina bifida and her condition slowly deteriorated until finally she lost the use of her legs and became wheelchair bound about 10 years ago," said her husband Calvin. "So some things became a challenge like getting her wheelchair into our bathroom. Plus in order to bathe she had to use a bulky lift chair to just get in and out the tub. But this was getting very hard on both of us so I knew it was time to do something to resolve the problems. That's when I approached Elite Remodeling hoping they could come up with a solution."

"It was quite a challenge," explained Voigt. "The bathroom was small and all the closet space for their clothes was also crammed into that space." Voigt designed a plan that would allow Deanna to have full wheel chair access to the bathroom including a unique new roll-in shower. He created an easily accessible countertop area and separate privacy area for the use of the toilet facilities.

The shower was also special in that Deanna could use handles to get herself out of her wheel chair and into the shower to sit on a bench. But how could she keep her wheel chair dry while she showered? To solve that challenge, the Voigt and Adcock collaborated with the Fields to design a special curtain system that could be drawn between the shower, her wheel chair and Calvin's shower area.

"The remodel gave me back some level of independence. Prior to the remodel I needed to have someone present to help me transfer to and from the tub chair. Now I am able to use the shower on my own any time day or night", explained Deanna. Because paraplegics often have weak abdominal muscles and can easily fall forward. Voigt suggested a drop down bar for the shower which became a key element to her ability to use the shower comfortably and safely.

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“I wasn’t sure that all of it could all be done. I was afraid that we would lose something like our closets when things were expanded, but the Elite team worked wonders. They made it all work, gave us everything we needed and that even included keeping our primary clothes closet. I can never say enough about the amazing job Elite did,” added Calvin, who has been married to Deanna for 14 years.

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