## 2021 Kansas City NARI Community Service Project

For homeowners Tom & Charlotte Rhodes, and Michael, their adult son who is wheelchair-bound and living with them



#### Chair of the Board, Judy Transue, CR, CRPM, UDCP, with



## Continued from 2020 Community Project due to COVID.... Kansas City Heroes...a grass roots "Pay It Forward" Charitable Organization

Kansas City Heroes assists the disabled, elderly, homeless, veterans and single parent homes. Joni Smith, Great American Building Materials, and Kansas City NARI chair of the Board for 2020, met Tom and Charlotte Rhodes through this local organization. Tom is a Navy veteran and served in Vietnam. Charlotte was recently successful in her second battle with cancer. Their adult son, Michael, lives with them and is wheelchair bound.

Kansas City NARI's focus will be to remodel their only bathroom for greater accessibility for Michael as well as repair their wheelchair ramp.

In the spring of 2020, COVID impacted the world and the homeowners asked that the interior work be put on hold due to COVID.

As the COVID guidelines/restrictions continued into the year, everyone realized that doing work inside the home was not going to happen anytime soon. Tom & Charlotte agreed to have the outside work (ramp replacement) scheduled since it would only be exterior work. This was completed in the fall of 2020.

When the homeowners informed us that they were willing to have others in the home, Judy decided to make the bathroom her community project for 2021.

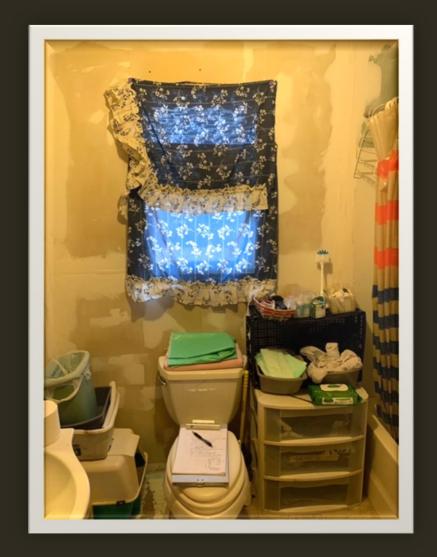
#### COVID Impact



It was decided to select a member to be the project manager of this project and to ask members to donate money due to the size of the bathroom and the health of the family and members.

Wendall Gartman of Gartman Remodeling was selected to complete this project. He met with the homeowners to figure out what schedule would work for them on having others coming into their home and for getting this bathroom completed in as short of time as possible.

We asked member to help cover the cost by asking for donations at our June lunch, issues of the KC NARI Newsletter, and emails.



# Community Service Project Can You Help a Vietnam Vet & His Family?

Due to the size of the bathroom and the health of the family, we are asking for CASH donations.

Wendall Gartman, Gartman Remodeling, has agreed to be the project manager and we need to cover materials and labor costs.

No donation is too small.

Please see KC NARI staff to make your donation.



### June KC NARI Newsletter asking for dontations

## Can you Help a Vietnam Vet & His Family?

#### 2021 Community Service Project Slated in July... Please Help with a Cash Donation

Kansas City Heroes is a grass roots 'Pay it Forward' group started in 2015 when a single mom who had been touched by help she had received, got some of her friends together to lend a helping hand to others. The group now has over 5,000 members and is an official not-for-profit organization assisting the disabled, elderly, homeless, veterans, and single parent homes. They put us in touch with the Rhodes family.

We will be helping Tom & Charlotte Rhodes and their son Michael. Tom is a Navy veteran and served in Vietnam. Charlotte was recently successful in her second battle with cancer, and their grown son, Michael, is wheelchair bound. Their home in Kansas City, Kansas needs a major bathroom remodel (their one and only bathroom for 3 adults) and it needs to be made accessible for Michael and his wheelchair.

Wendall Gartman, Gartman Remodeling, has agreed to be the project manager for this remodel. Due to the size of the bathroom and the health of the family, we will not be able to have groups of folks working in the house. Kansas City NARI will collect cash donations and we will work with Wendall to pay for labor and materials, so your cash donations are important for this total bathroom gut and remodel.

Thanks to Joni Smith, Great American Building Materials, 2019 Chapter President, and Judy Transue, CR, CRPM, UDCP, CHC Design-Build, 2021 Chair of the Board, for working together to organize this community service project.

Please email your donation amount to kcnari@RemodelingKC. com or call 913-362-8833. No donation is too small. Any monies not used for subs and suppliers will be used to purchase gift cards for the family. We can charge your credit card on file or send you an invoice and you can mail us a check.

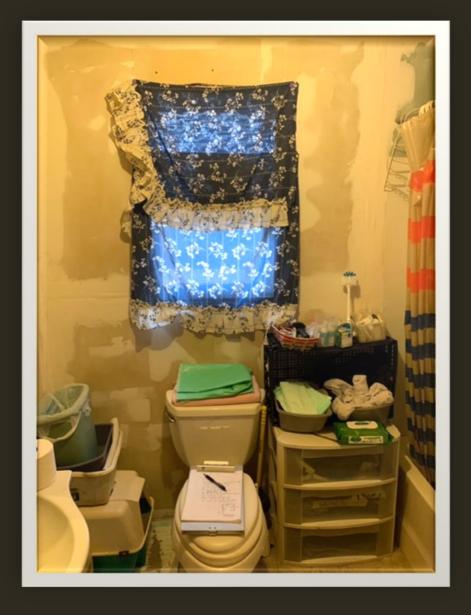


At NARI News press time, the community service project was just getting started. We will post photos soon on social media and in August NARI News.

Thanks to the following members who supported this project with cash and/or material donations:

Architectural Craftsmen Bath & Kitchen Idea Center by Grandview Winnelson, Black Oak Construction, Blossom Spaces, Brackmann Construction, Jan Burchett, CHC Design-Build, CMP Construction, Crown Cabinetry, Deatherage Home Designs, Jenna Dighero, Gretchen Evans, Fireplace & BarBQ Center, Fresh Coat Paint & Stain, Frontier Restoration, Gartman Remodeling, Hammer & Nails, Hayes Insulation, Hearthmasters, Heiman Development, Lindsay Hicks, Interiors by Melody, J III Enterprises, Johnson County Siding & Window, KC Home Solutions, KC RELO, Sonya Lange, Sid Lehrbaum, L Marie Interior Design, Morgan Miller Plumbing, Mike O'Connell, MCRS, GCP, CAPS, Jon Otten, Chris Peterson, MCR, CRPM, CLC, ProSource, John Roach, retired, Roach Brothers Construction, Scovell Remodeling, Shack Built, Suiter Business Builders, Top Notch, Heating & Cooling, Total Home Remodeling, and Wineteer

Thanks to members in the July KC NARI Newsletter.

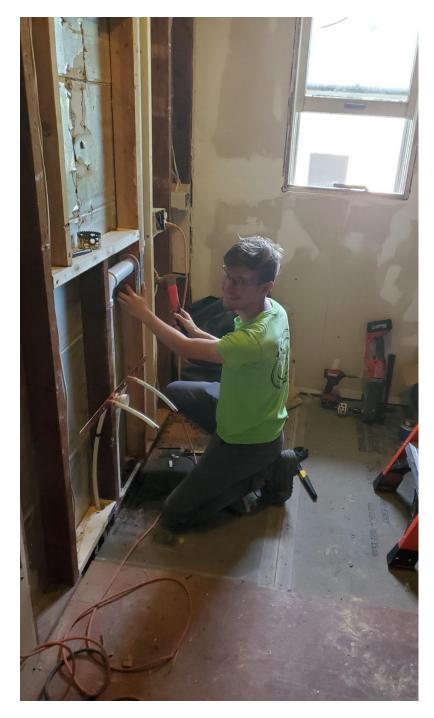


**Before Pics** 

#### Community Service Project

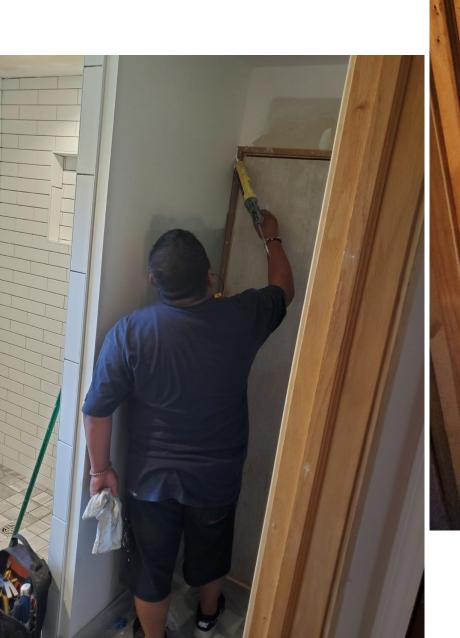
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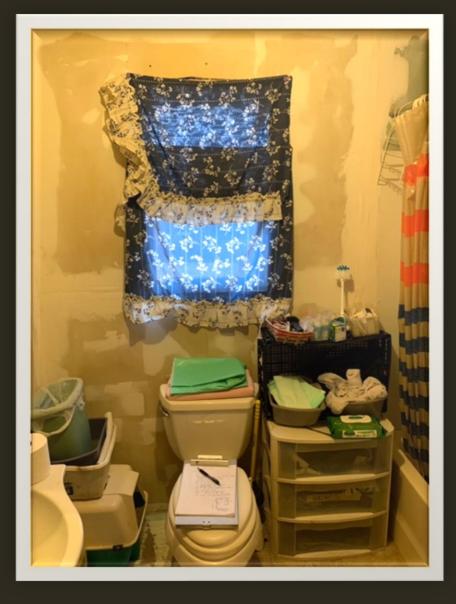












Before



After



Before



#### NARI CARES! Community Service Project!

Thanks to the following members who supported the bathroom remodel for the Rhodes family with cash, materials and/or labor donations:

Architectural Craftsmen Bath & Kitchen Idea Center by Grandview Winnelson **Black Oak Construction Blossom Spaces Brackmann Construction** Jan Burchett CHC Design-Build **CMP Construction Crown Cabinetry CSW Custom Wood Products** Deatherage Home Designs Jenna Dighero Gretchen Evans Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery Fireplace & BarBQ Center Fresh Coat Paint & Stain

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# NARI CARES! Community Service Project!

The Rhodes family finally has an accessible bathroom for their grown son, Michael, who has been wheelchairbound his entire life. Over 50 Kansas City NARI members contributed labor, materials and nearly \$12,000 in cash donations to make this community service project happen. NARI members love to give back to the community in which they live and work despite being crazy busy with staff shortages and material delays. With all the donations, we were able to present the family with \$3,000 in VISA gift cards at the July chapter lunch. KC NARI members ROCK!











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