

# Douglas's Story

Douglas G. is a lovely 89-year-old veteran who served in the US Airforce and spent a year in Korea. He has lived in his home since 1977. His beloved wife passed away in 2003 and he misses her so much. He said it is very hard being alone, and he doesn't have close family to help him. The Urban League of Portland referred Douglas to ReFIT for help.

Through a freak accident he sustained severe injury to both of his legs and has to use a walker or wheelchair to safely get around his home.

Douglas was an active volunteer at his church and for 10 years drove the bus that helped with the church's homeless ministry. He would take the bus to pick up homeless people at day centers, drive them to the church for dinner and to spend the night, then in the morning he would drive them back to the day center. One evening he got into the bus and started it but could not release the parking brake. It was stuck and he was going to need both of his arms to release it. He left the bus running and stepped out to grab the brake with both hands, when he did the bus doors knocked him to the ground and the bus went into reverse and rolled on top of both of his legs. He screamed for help and someone came out, got into the bus and drove it forward and off of his legs. Both legs have extensive permanent damage and Douglas can no longer do the volunteering he deeply loved.

Douglas has only 1 bathroom and it has a tub/shower. In order to shower he must pull his legs up over the edge of the tub which is dangerous because it puts him at an extreme risk for a fall. His nurses told him he must not do that; however, he feels he has no other choice. So, he takes that risk each time he decides to shower.

This deserving veteran is in desperate need of our help. He needs a roll-in shower as well as a complete redo of his bathroom due to other safety issues. A no-cost bathroom remodel from ReFIT will be life changing for Douglas by allowing him to safely take a shower and use the toilet without the risk of falling.



































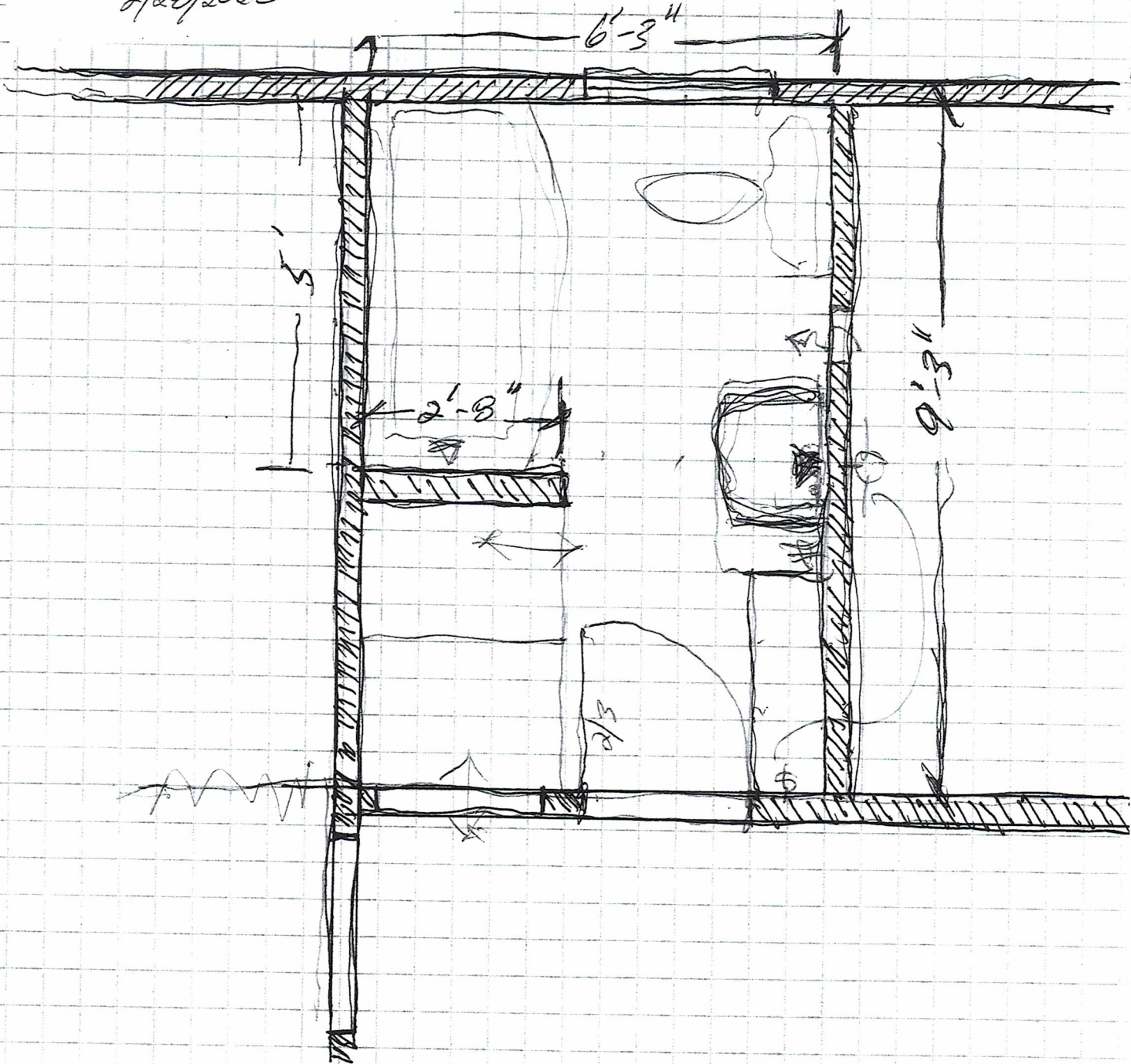




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