

ReFIT, Remodeling for Independence Together, is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping low-income people struggling with disability from illness, injury or aging to live independent lives at home safely and with dignity. Keeping this large segment of Oregon's population living in their own homes is ReFIT's mission.

ReFIT was founded in 1997 by a group of local, professional general contractors from NARI Pacific Northwest after the college age son of a member was left paralyzed from a car accident. The group worked together to modify the family home to accommodate the son's wheelchair, then modified the son's fraternity so he could return to college and move on with his life. The father wanted to pay it forward and make a difference in the community, so with the help of others in the NARI Chapter start ReFIT to enable others with mobility challenges to be able to stay in their homes.

For someone suffering mobility issues there is always a fear of no longer being able to live at home. ReFIT and NARIPNW offer hope by providing **no-cost** essential home modifications such as access ramps, ADA accessible bathrooms, grab bars, wider doorways, etc. to low-income, disabled homeowners who lack the financial resources to continue to live safe independent lives in their own homes. Without this service many of these people would have to move to nursing homes or other institutional settings.

Client projects are built by volunteer professional contractors (primarily from the local Pacific Northwest chapter of NARI – National Association of the Remodeling Industry) with the help of volunteer teams. Building materials are either donated outright, or purchased with donated funds.

Please copy and paste this link to YouTube and see what life changing projects NARI Pacific Northwest completed just this year! https://youtu.be/5rMvVpyK_hw

In 2017 NARIPNW completed 6 projects totaling a value of \$73,700 back to the community.

Client Testimonials:

"Because of you and the wheelchair ramp, my husband could remain active and part of the family during his last few years with bone cancer."

"Thank you so much – you're an answer to prayer."

"Thank you very much. You guys orchestrated a very nice thing that gives my wife back her independence."

"Just being able to feel like an 18-year-old kid again. I don't think my parents and I can give them enough thanks."

Project Breakdown 2017:

<u>Client</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Member Contractor</u>
Tim S.	Paraplegic 18 yr old man.	Whole house ADA modification	Kennedy Restoration
Patricia C.	Various mobility afflictions	Outside Ramp	Roloff Construction Full Circa Inc.
Sandra P.	Muscular Ataxia	Full ADA Bathroom	Markt & Co Square Deal Remodeling
Carolyn W.	Stroke	ADA Shower	Square Deal Remodeling
Jana P.	Multiple Sclerosis	38 Ft. Ramp from porch	Interworks LLC
Jerry F.	Parkinson's	ADA Shower	Let's Remodel

All work was at no cost to the client or the non-profit. Materials were purchased with donations and fundraising dollars.