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Home Builders Association Remodelers Council builds wheelchair accessibility ramp for Moorhead man

Moorhead, Minn. – The Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead’s Remodelers Council constructed a wheelchair accessibility ramp for Moorhead resident Dan Amundson, 521 S. 6th St., on June 2.

The HBA of F-M and Remodelers Council coordinated the project with Freedom Resource Center, an advocacy organization designed to assist people with disabilities in achieving and maintaining independent lifestyles. The city of Moorhead Neighborhood Services approved a Community Development Block Grant for reimbursement funds to cover material costs. The grant was applied for by Home Builders Care of F-M Foundation.

Amundson was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1990. He is almost always wheelchair-bound, except for short distances inside the house when he can use a walker. According to Amundson’s long-time partner, Deborah Posch, stairs have become almost impossible for him to negotiate.

“Over the years it has gotten tougher and tougher,” she says. “Winter made going up and down the stairs extremely hard. I have to be here to help him, and actually lift his legs so he can go down the stairs. If I’m not home, he can’t get out, and I wasn’t sure what we were going to do.”

She was relieved to find out about the partnership with Freedom Resource Center and the HBA’s Remodelers Council.

The Remodelers Council is a committee of the HBA of F-M that deals with issues affecting the remodeling segment of the building industry. Council members continually lend their efforts to these types of charitable projects building two to three ramps a year depending on funding and emergency needs.

Remodelers Council volunteers who helped with the project include: Pete Fear, John Gunkelman and Jake Kieper, all of Dakota Construction of Fargo, Inc.; Terry Lipp, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery; Mark Spriggs, M & J Construction of Moorhead, Inc.; Dave Velaski, Minnkota Windows, Inc.; John Vastag, Perfect Temp; Bryce Vanderwerff, Red River Electric, Inc.; Casey Beckerleg, Stenerson Lumber; and Bill Blixt, Western Products, Inc.

The HBA of F-M is a non-profit trade association of over 800 members that has been in existence since 1956. Its mission is to provide quality services, benefits and education to members and the community while representing the collective interests of the home building industry.

Home Builders Care Foundation is the HBA of F-M’s charity dedicated to supporting skill training, education and projects related to the housing industry.

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