



## OUR GOAL

More than anything, we want this to be a day you will remember. Take pride in the fact you are helping someone achieve the freedom of simply getting in and out of their home. It may not sound like much, but this will change their lives forever. We want you to have fun, sweat, laugh, learn about what we do, and make someone's day (and life) a little brighter!

We value your help with our ramp projects, and to show our appreciation, upon arrival you will receive a *Ramp Crew Volunteer T-shirt* and an *Ability Center Certificate of Participation!*

## TO LEARN MORE

To learn more about this unique opportunity, how to support or volunteer, please contact:

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## OUR VISION:

We believe in and support equitable and inclusive communities for people living with disabilities.

## OUR MISSION:

To assist people with disabilities to live, work and socialize within a fully accessible community.



## THE ABILITY CENTER

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*The Ability Center is a Center for Independent Living providing Advocacy, Information and Referral, Independent Living Skills training, Community Living and Peer Support services. To achieve its vision, the Center serves the seven counties of northwest Ohio, actively seeks partnerships with community organizations and supports individuals with disabilities and their families as they pursue independence.*



## VOLUNTEER FOR AN ADVENTURE!

## BUILD A RAMP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE



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## WHAT WE DO

We begin by assessing the property where the consumer needs the ramp. If everything works, we create a ramp design and get the appropriate permits. We then pre-build the ramp sections at our shop on our Sylvania campus. On the day of the build, we load and transport the ramp, start the layout and set the posts.

## WHAT YOU DO

### First and foremost: **HAVE FUN!**

You will help us assemble the ramp. This involves aiding in layout, helping to level and secure the platforms and slopes, and screwing boards. You will also assist with drilling, digging, grading, sanding, and job site clean up. Lots of fun stuff.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

*Please wear comfortable (but not loose) clothing you don't mind getting dirty, and closed-toe shoes or boots for safety.* We will provide gloves, ear and eye protection.

In all cases, we provide cold fluids and we have been known to spring for lunch (*hope you like pizza*). Feel free to bring your own too.

*"These young men were phenomenal. I've spent three days getting to know them and, to tell the truth, I'm going to miss them.*

*They really have made an impact on my life. I will remember them fondly and think of these three days every time I roll up and down this ramp."*

- Herbie Myrice



*Herbie Myrice on his finished ramp with the Ability Center Ramp Crew and volunteers from the Catholic Heart Work Camp, one of our perennial ramp volunteer organizations.*



## WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

There are a number of ways to volunteer on an Ability Center ramp build:

### Help build the Ramp.

You can come out, roll up your sleeves, throw on some gloves, and give us a hand for a day or two. We pretty much promise you will get dirty and sweaty. We also promise you may just learn a thing or two. Lastly, we promise you will make a difference in someone's life. Your efforts will give them safe access from their home to community, and the freedom to use it.

### Donation of Supplies or Materials.

Time is always at a premium. We know how hard it can be to get time off from work, or to create the time to allow employees to go off and build a ramp during the busy season. ***You can still help.*** Material and supply donations go a long way to making a ramp a reality for someone needing one.

### Monetary Donations.

Consider becoming a corporate sponsor of a ramp build. A donation from your business would purchase the materials and supplies for the build. Should you choose, we would gladly celebrate the partnership by posting your sign on the job site and share your support on our website. Additionally, we can work with you on stories, press releases and photos, if needed.