

The Adaptive Parade of Homes in Omaha is an annual closed home tour focusing on accessible remodeling and new home construction with both accessible and universal design features.



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The Adaptive Parade of Homes in Omaha is an annual closed home tour focusing on accessible remodeling which is traditionally held in April.

The first Adaptive Parade of Homes took place in 2011.

The 2017 event is a collaboration of United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska and Creighton University Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and other health disciplines students who are members of the Student

History of Adaptive Parade of Homes

The parade began as a collaboration between Home Access Solutions, Inc. and the Student Empowerment Network at Creighton University. BevVan Phillips, OTR/L, CAPS started the parade to be able to provide future Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and interested Pharmacy students with exposure to home modifications and installed assistive technology. The intent was to provide an opportunity for future clinicians to learn about the modifications and technology as well as its impact on quality of life.

That first year it became clear that the people opening their homes to the future health care providers were pleased to be able to assist with the education of these future clinicians, and were excited to be able to influence treatment for an untold number of people these health care providers would be assisting over the span of their careers. In future events, the interaction between the people living in the home and the visiting students was encouraged.

The adaptive parade of Homes was hosted by Home Access Solutions, Inc. during the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. Total Respiratory and Rehab hosted the event in collaboration with the Student Empowerment Network 2014, 2015, and 2016. In 2017, United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska, Inc. was pleased to be able to continue the event in collaboration with the Student Empowerment Network. In 2017, the third goal of showcasing the efforts of multiple building professionals interested in adaptive home environments was added. United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska developed a logo which can be utilized by sponsoring remodeling and new construction companies to show that they are part of the developing specialty of accessible and universal design building. United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska will be developing a virtual Adaptive Parade of Homes tour for the agency website with the intent of making the tour available to a greater number of people.

On April 7, 2017 four homes were showcased with a final open house at Kohll's Pharmacy and Homecare to view a variety of assistive technology used in home modifications. Installers were also available to the students for questions.

Thank you to our 2017 Business Participants:





Scottsdale Stepfree Homes

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Our specialties are custom homes, luxury residences, and step-free designs that are ideal for seniors and for those with mobility issues that make managing steps difficult. Step-free design is important because the average new construction in the greater Omaha area will require that the navigator climb at least one step—but often several more—before they can get through their front door, which presents obvious challenges for many.

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This home on the 2017 adaptive parade of homes tour has been recently built. Scottsdale Stepfree Homes builds with many universal design features such as step-less entries, wider doorways, and walk in showers which make living in the home easier for people of a variety of abilities. Gene Graves the builder foresees that homes with these features will be the most desirable homes of the near future. Typically, increasing adaptations to customize a home for individual accessibility is more easily done in homes that have universal design features as the spaces to maneuver and when the level transition in and out of the home is already present. There are several floor plans available on the website.





In this home you will see an array of pull out shelving by Shelf Genie. These modifications while a popular universal design feature and useful for aging in place, helped this homeowner remain independent during recovery from cervical fusion, and later bilateral knee replacements.



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Honey Do Handyman Crew is a sister station company for Shelf Genie. It is a remodeling and maintenance company service the Omaha area.

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During the time she used a wheelchair temporarily, this homeowner experienced what she described as a *“nightmare of dependency and environmental barriers”*. She said that there was a big difference in her physical recovery and emotional well-being during a second temporary need to use a wheelchair in the home because she and her husband had as many storage areas as possible modified with pull out shelving.



This photo from the shelf genie website. Showroom in Omaha has many examples of shelving and storage solutions



Total Respiratory and Rehab Home Modification

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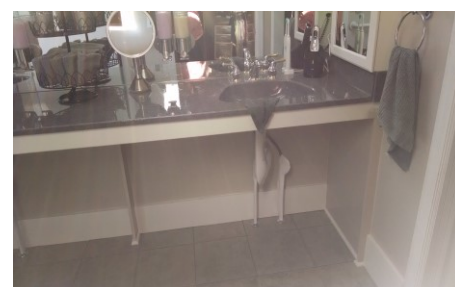
The modifications in this home enable a couple to live with minimal outside help for caregiving and to maximize individual independence and dignity. You will see a bath modification that was accomplished in stages starting with a shower, and then modified further to include a roll under sink and toilet access and bidet.



A SureHands Lift and Care Systems ceiling based lift is used with a Body Support to allow the homeowner to move as independently as possible between bed and wheelchair and to provide access to a small bathroom.

The lift system is designed to accommodate changes in physical skills.

Considerable structural changes were made to allow the transfer to occur between three rooms. The header of the doorway between the bathroom and closet was modified to allow the use of existing doors. A new doorway was installed to provide access to the bathroom. Differences in ceiling height between the three rooms were accomplished with a drop rod system.



This is an example of access.

It is customized to accommodate an individual's abilities, preferences, and physical attributes such as height.

The modification was undertaken in a way that will allow restoration of the home in order to preserve value.



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This photo is of a vertical platform lift (VPL) from Bruno (bruno.com). VPLs can be ordered with different width platforms and will accommodate different heights.

The Tour wrap up Open House
is being hosted by:
Kohl's Pharmacy and Homecare
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Examples of home modifications and assistive
technology available in the showroom.

This photo is from the Kohl's home modification division photo gallery and shows a ramp which is another method for moving a person using wheeled mobility equipment between different levels.



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