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A barrier-free bathroom, and a house you can stay in.

What we look at on the first visit, and what you leave with. Written for a homeowner, a family, or a grant.

The bathroom

Most people start because they cannot get into the shower they have. There is a tub, a lip, or a door the chair bumps.

We take the tub out and build a shower with no lip. The door has to clear the chair you actually use. You need room to turn, and the person helping you needs a place to stand. The handheld and the controls have to be where your hand already is. Wood goes behind the tile so a grab bar stays in the wall. The sink stays open underneath.

In Reunion, a garden tub and a step-in shower came out. A wheelchair rolls into that bathroom now. It still looks like the main bath.

The rest of the house

A wider door on the way to that bathroom. A light on the path at night. A doorbell and a smoke alarm you can see, if you cannot hear them.

If getting from the bed to the toilet means someone has to lift you, a ceiling transfer track can run that route overhead. We look at the ceiling first, so the track hangs from structure that can carry it, and the power goes in while the ceiling is open.

What you leave with

The first visit is in the house, and it is free. Bring the page from your occupational therapist if you have one.

After we have measured, you get it in writing: the door widths, where the chair turns, where a track would run from the bed to the shower, what has to come out, and the prices. That paper is what a grant usually asks for.

We pull the permit and build it. Florida license CGC1531832.

Houses you can look at

Reunion: a garden tub rebuilt as a roll-in.

Lake Butler, Windermere: a whole-house renovation. The porch under the master bath had failed, so the structure went in before the stone. The shower has no curb.

Orlando: one floor, no curb, and room for the person who helps you.

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