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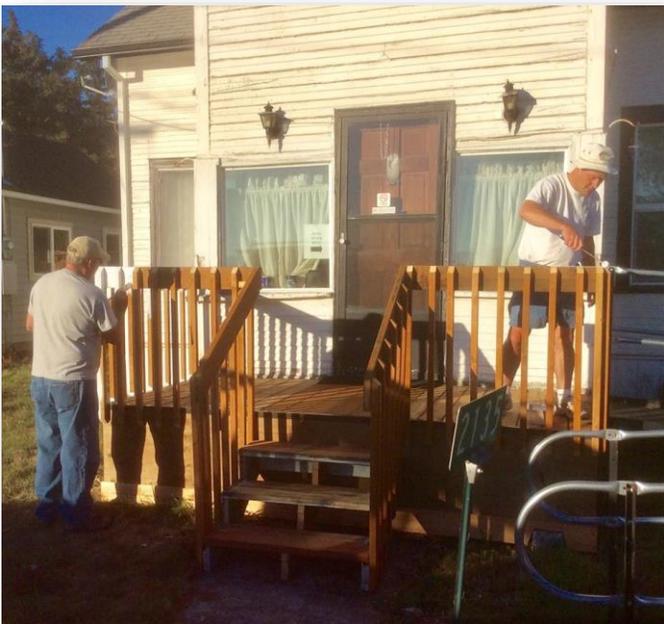
### *Elvin and Claudia, Scappoose*

More than 15 years ago Elvin, a disabled veteran, removed the shutters and extra trim from their home to build a small deck with steps to help his wife better access their house. Claudia navigated the four-inch rise using her walker, but time had taken its toll and the deck surface, railing and supports were rotting away. Anxious about the condition of the deck and Claudia's risk of falling while using her walker on the stairs led them to contact Habitat for Humanity about building a ramp. Our volunteers were able to replace these rotting stairs with a new deck and a ramp extending to the driveway and shallow steps on the back to access their side yard. They are both so pleased with the results and the security that this new structure represents.



### *Sue, Columbia City*

Our family of ReStore volunteers are always looking out for their neighbors. While delivering Meals on Wheels, Bob noticed Sue's porch and stairs were in need of replacement. Although Sue had a structurally sound wheelchair ramp, the porch that connected the ramp to her home had deteriorated badly with time. Fortunately, our construction volunteers were able to build a new porch so that both she and her visitors are now safe. Sue is so grateful for the help and has become our newest advocate!



### *Karl and Michelle, St. Helens*

Michelle is disabled and has a caregiver during the day when Karl is at work. The financial burden of contracting a ramp to be built was more than the family could bear so Karl, a veteran, and the caregiver had been carrying her wheelchair over the steps and assisting her each time she left home. Thanks to our wonderful volunteer builders, a plan was made to build a new platform off their existing deck to accommodate a wheelchair ramp that did not interfere with their front steps. Lattice work was added to the sides of the ramp to corral their dogs and make the ramp more aesthetically pleasing. Non-skid surface was added and the new railing was painted to match the house trim. Michelle arrived home from the hospital as we finished the ramp. They both were so grateful to receive help!



### *New Home*

Our newest home build on 355 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Helens is now well underway! The excavation work was graciously donated by M.E. Moore Construction and the new foundation and floor decking is now in place. The James family is busy working on their “sweat equity” hours. They are so excited to see their home taking shape. Thanks for making these projects possible!



*Join us November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for our wall raising ceremony!*