

Bathroom Modification Case Study – Michael Glink – September 2017

His Story:

Mr. Glink loved being outside, and really enjoyed gardening, swimming, golfing, and bike-riding. However, in the beginning of July in 1996, he started to notice that something was not right when he was doing some of these outdoor activities. He also started experiencing eyesight problems, which put him on the path to see a neurologist. On his 40th birthday (end of July, 1996), he had a spinal tap and it confirmed his diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.

- After being diagnosed with MS, he would use a cane to walk and would sometimes need a wheelchair.
- In 2007, he became a full-time wheelchair user.
- He now does graphic design and creates video montages from his home for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. - <http://www.momentstorememberproductions.com/>

Difficulties that he faced before EHLS modified his bathroom:

- His bathroom was 0% handicap accessible, which made it very difficult to enter the bathroom and use the sink, and shower.
- There was no opening beneath the vanity, so it was difficult to brush his teeth, shave, and comb his hair.
- The sliding shower bench allowed him to get in and out of the shower, but it was extremely difficult.



Mr. Glink and Mark (EHLS Construction Manager)

How EHLS Modified the Bathroom:

- Made the bathroom entry door wider and moved the wall outside of the shower
 - Mr. Glink can now enter and exit the bathroom easily, and maneuver himself up to 180 degrees in the shower
- Installed a roll-in-shower with a grab bar and easy to use showerhead
 - He is now able to take a normal shower independently again!
- Modified the sink to create under the sink access
 - There is now room for him to pull up to the vanity in his wheelchair and brush his teeth, comb his hair, and shave.

EHLS' bathroom modifications have made Mr. Glink's life much easier!

- Mr. Glink said "It has made my life so much easier from the standpoint of taking care of myself and helping me keep my independence."
- It took only two weeks for EHLS to get everything done and Mr. Glink was overcome with emotion when he went into his bathroom one day before it was completed. "The day before it was done, I sat at the vanity and cried because I was so happy. I took my first shower in the newly modified roll-in shower two days later and was so happy to take a normal shower again".



Roll-in Shower with grab bars and accessible sink

Thank You Mr. Glink for choosing Extended Home Living Services (EHLS) and sharing your story!