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*Bringing Barrier Free Homes to Your Neighborhood!*

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## “One Level Living” Program Launch

For years many have been faced with the challenge of finding affordable accessible living in the neighborhood of their choice- to stay close to family, friends, and activities. Finding an existing home in a particular neighborhood that



can be modified and at a price that keeps it in-line with market values is difficult. We now have a program available using a modular and manufactured builder that now offers our clients affordable One Level Living. The accessible floor plans available can be modified to suit the individual needs of our clients. This concept is ideal for anyone who uses a wheelchair due to illness or injury, or someone who wants the ability to age in place. Financing is available through several local lenders, if needed. Would you or someone you know benefit from “**One Level Living**”? Call us to schedule an appointment to tour our model home.

## Accessible Housing - Greene County



**INDEPENDENCE PLACE,**  
Jefferson Borough, Greene County, PA

The ground-breaking for Independence Place, an accessible 4 unit apartment building, is scheduled for May 12, 2015, with site development to follow. The project is the result of a partnership between the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Greene and Accessible Dreams. It is being funded through a grant awarded from PHARE to increase the accessi-

ble housing inventory in Jefferson, Greene County. The apartment building will be the first of its kind in our area and will serve as a model for development in other Southwestern Pennsylvania counties. Applications are now being accepted for qualified families and are available on our website or by calling the office. Rental assistance is available. **Follow Us on Facebook.**



## An Accessible Home is Life Changing Building for Bennett

In January we started construction on a 2,000 square foot home addition for Bennett. The 2 story addition will give him full access to his home and back yard. The challenge many parents face as a child with a disability grows is carrying the child safely up and down stairs in a 2-story home. That is one of the many challenges Bennett's parents faced. The addition will include an elevator which will give Bennett the ability to safely travel between floors in his home. He will also have full access to the back yard giving him the opportunity to easily enjoy summer barbeques outside with his family. With the addition, great care was taken to preserve the original architecture of the home.



## Accessible Dreams in the Real Estate Market



Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) had a foreclosure in Penn Hills that was modified for accessibility. The home was first listed for sale in December 2010 and sat on the market until December 2014 when the listing was referred to Accessible Dreams. We aggressively marketed the home to our

community and successfully closed on the home in January 2015 in cooperation with a Keller Williams Realty agent who represented a buyer who is raising a grandchild with a disability. We have a dynamic network of real estate professionals who are ready to serve our clients in meeting their real estate needs. If you know of a home that needs sold, call Accessible Dreams today to see how we can make that happen.

## Working with Veterans – Putting Accessible Home Solutions Together



Douglas is a young veteran who was referred to us to help make his home accessible. He and his wife purchased the home just 3 years ago and love the location on a cul-de-sac, the close proximity to amenities, and the family of deer that live in the woods behind their property. They approached Accessible Dreams to help find a solution that would allow the family to remain in the home they love and allow Douglas to live independently. They have a growing family so space is a premium. In cooperation with the family in assessing their needs and desires, the architect has developed a design that will give Douglas the space he needs, and access to both levels of his ranch.

To help pay for the costs of accessible modifications, Douglas is being awarded the Veterans Affairs' Specially Adaptive Housing (SAH) grant, which provides funds for remodeling an existing home or construction of a new home for disabled veterans. With assistance from Accessible Dreams Douglas is in the final stages of approving the designs for his home modifications. Once approved, Accessible Dreams will prepare the SAH document requirements and work with the Veterans Administration to see the project through completion.

***“Accessible  
Dreams  
worked with  
me to design a  
home solution  
that fit my  
needs and my  
budget.”***



Accessible Dreams is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council and TRIPIL, a Center for Independent Living in Washington, PA

## Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust Improving Lives of Children with Disabilities

Through a donation from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, Accessible Dreams was able to partner with another non-profit in contributing funds to pay for an accessible bathroom for a family in Bridgeville. Safely navigating a bathroom can be extremely difficult. We are pleased that we were able to help make daily living safer for the family.

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### About Accessible Dreams



Accessible Dreams is a consumer driven, non-profit housing developer and real estate provider *exclusively* serving the disability community living in Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

We work with buyers, sellers, and renters of all income levels to find accessible housing solutions in a neighborhood of their choice. To learn more about what Accessible Dreams can do to help you find an existing adaptable home to remodel, or build a new accessible home, call us at 724-223-5115 and ask

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