Dear Friend of Rebuilding Together Sacramento,

Have you witnessed any loved ones who had difficulty living independently as their physical abilities declined? Seeing a strong, independent family member lose the ability to maintain their home and move through it safely is heartbreaking.

What happens to aging adults and people with disabilities after they no longer can make minor repairs or replace light bulbs? What can they do when they can't take a shower without fear of falling? What if they don't have the financial resources to relocate?

Most older adults want to remain independent in their current home for as long as possible. With your help, they can.

Home improvements and safety modifications can dramatically improve their quality of life. Many such improvements happened during 2019, due to the generosity of new Rebuilding Together Sacramento partners, volunteers and donors.

Let me tell you about one sweet older woman who we helped, thanks to our benefactors.

Polly delayed calling Rebuilding Together Sacramento until she became desperate. She frequently called 9-1-1, not because of fires or major emergencies, but because leaving home by herself had become very difficult for her.

She lived in a mobile home with deteriorated stairways at her front and back doors. Polly felt unsteady on the rickety 30-year-old steps, and become isolated because she was afraid to leave the home.

After she resorted to calling 9-1-1 to help her out of her home for a medical appointment, her case worker told her about Rebuilding Together Sacramento's Safe at Home Program.

She tried not to get too excited but couldn't help but feel hope for the first time in a while.

She cried for joy when she learned her application was approved. Soon she had a beautiful, sturdy stairway from her front door to the car.

The dream didn't end there. We fixed her broken heater and a hole in her living room floor. She received new energy-saving light bulbs and a really cool under-the-bed motion-sensor light that brightened her path to the bathroom in the middle of the night.

Polly has not called 9-1-1 since the steps were installed.

She is much more comfortable and no longer has a hazardous hole in her floor. And the improved lighting has brightened her outlook.

We know that many seniors and people with disabilities need help to remain living in their home. They don't have the resources to do otherwise.

Your donation will enable our volunteers to make home improvements that enhance the ability of aging community members and people with disabilities to live at home comfortably and safely. Wouldn't you want that for your loved ones?

Thank you for considering our request.

Happy Holidays!

P.S. Rebuilding Together Sacramento's cost-effective operations guarantee that every donation contributes to another person's ability to live in a safe and healthy home.