



P. A. T. C. H.

People Attending To Christ's House

Community Service Success Stories

November 23, 2017

And, don't allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you have planted is coming! Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10 The Passion Translation of the Bible

PREFACE

P.A.T.C.H. (People Attending to Christ's House), is an IRS approved non-profit organization in the states of Mississippi and Alabama.

I wanted to introduce you to P.A.T.C.H. and make you aware of our desire to help fulfill the needs of senior citizens, in the Birmingham Metro area.

What P.A.T.C.H. is About

The name P.A.T.C.H. was derived from an old tradition where each person in a family was given a patch of land cultivate. Those small garden patches – collectively - helped feed large, extended families.

Below is a success story.



Welcome Home Mrs. W.

In August 2017, an 86 year old widow, Mrs. W. was sent to rehab temporarily. During her stay, several volunteers provided over 250 man-hours in the renovation of her home, in order to make it more accessible and provide cosmetic upgrades. Before and after photos are at the end of the newsletter.

The following work was performed:

- The interior of the house was painted.

Painting was provided by Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama at Briarwood Church.

Special thank you's to the Executive Director, Bobby Parks and his wife Jan.

Jan Parks helped wash dishes, line kitchen cabinets, and painted for over 6 hours (Wonder Woman!).

Also, I want to highly commend the medical students who painted and cleared the house of trash and excess furniture: Zach Sollie; Bennett Parker; and Emory Bulta. **And a very special thank you to Shelby Bulta, who coordinated the project.**

The paint was donated by Law Lamar the Founder of The Friends of Hale County, a local non-profit. His generosity contributed to the most visible improvement to the condition of the home.

Ricky Pierce and Claude Yates painted all of the trim work and finished painting the kitchen and the metal cabinet beneath the farmhouse sink.

- Safety and Security Work

The electrical outlets and light fixtures were repaired and replaced by Ricky Pierce and Claude Yates. Most of the home's electrical outlets did not work and four (4) rooms did not have working ceiling lights.

The condition of the non-working electrical outlets was a danger to Mrs. Willie Mae's health and safety.

MISSION SUCCESSES 2013 – PRESENT

Deborah Harrison

Trip hazards were removed (nails in the floor, rugs, and excess furniture) were removed by Ricky Pierce and Claude Yates.

Many thanks to Jan Allen Smith and Sherry Allen Riendeau for providing one-half of the burglar bars needed to secure the windows that are accessible from the ground. The other half of the cost was provided by Deborah Harrison.

Ricky Pierce and Claude Yates installed the security bars, secured the exterior French doors, and covered two broken window panes.

Ricky Pierce and Claude Yates repaired and replaced the front and side security lights.

- Furniture, Fixtures, bedding, and linen were donated:

A new Posture-pedic mattress was donated by Bedzzz Express. A special thank you to the manager, David Riddle.

Dining room table and chairs were donated by Ricky Pierce, as well as new light fixtures for the dining room and the back porch.

Two base kitchen cabinets were constructed/provided by R&R Home Improvement in Pelham.

Kitchen counter tops for the cabinets were provided by Mr. Steve Bailey, with Bailey and Owens Construction.

Lift/reclining chair, bed, box-spring, beside table, lamps, pictures, mirrors, blinds, drapes, linens, heated throw, new bed pillows, framed prints/paintings, interior design services and cleaning/de-cluttering were donated by Deborah Harrison.

An anonymous benefactor purchased security lights, a ceiling fan/light, a kitchen light, and a floor lamp.

A new leather sofa and two leather side chairs were donated by Law Lamar.

HVAC Repair

The cost to repair the HVAC unit was donated by Deborah Harrison.

Laundry Room

Law Lamar donated a clothes dryer.

Law Lamar also donated the labor to move the washer from the basement to

the laundry room, to prevent Ms. Stringer from having to go into the basement to wash her clothes and bring them upstairs to dry.

Miscellaneous Work

The following work was supplied by Claude Yates: Curtains/blinds were hung, trash removed, furniture and other items moved to the basement, new furniture delivered/installed, old carpet removed and the hardwood floors beneath were scrapped and cleaned.

A local non-profit is installing a chair lift from her basement garage to the living spaces.

Kitchen

New flooring for the kitchen was donated by Floor and Décor.

Ricky Pierce and company removed the 50 year old flooring and laid the new flooring,

Handicap Accessibility

A chair lift from the main living area to the basement garage was facilitated by Chris Jones, Home Modification Coordinator, with the Disability Rights and Resources group.

New grab bars for the bathroom tub and toilet were donated by Law Lamar.

New Locks

Randy Hall owner of Alabama Lock & Key installed new locks on the front and side doors. The existing locks were over 60 years old and no longer worked properly.

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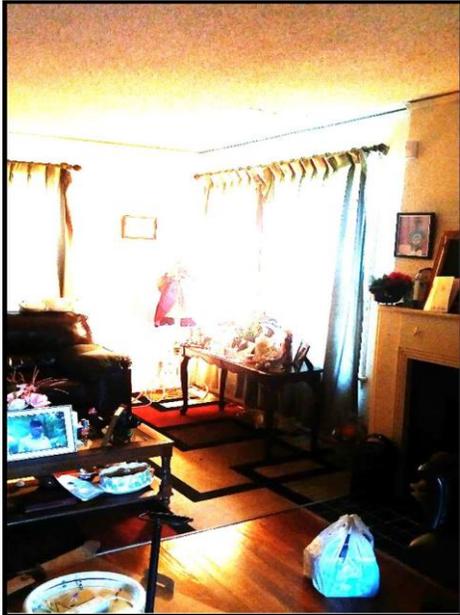
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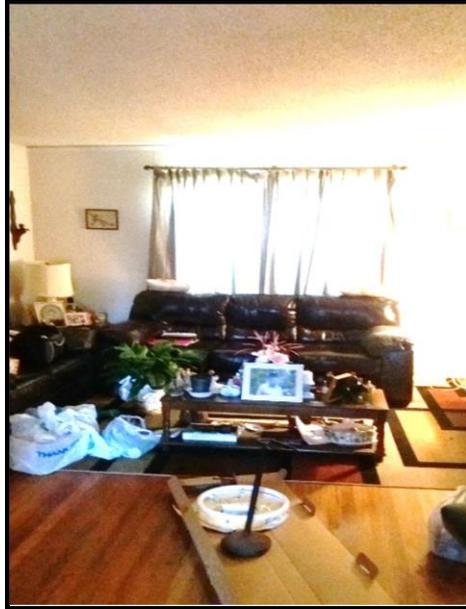
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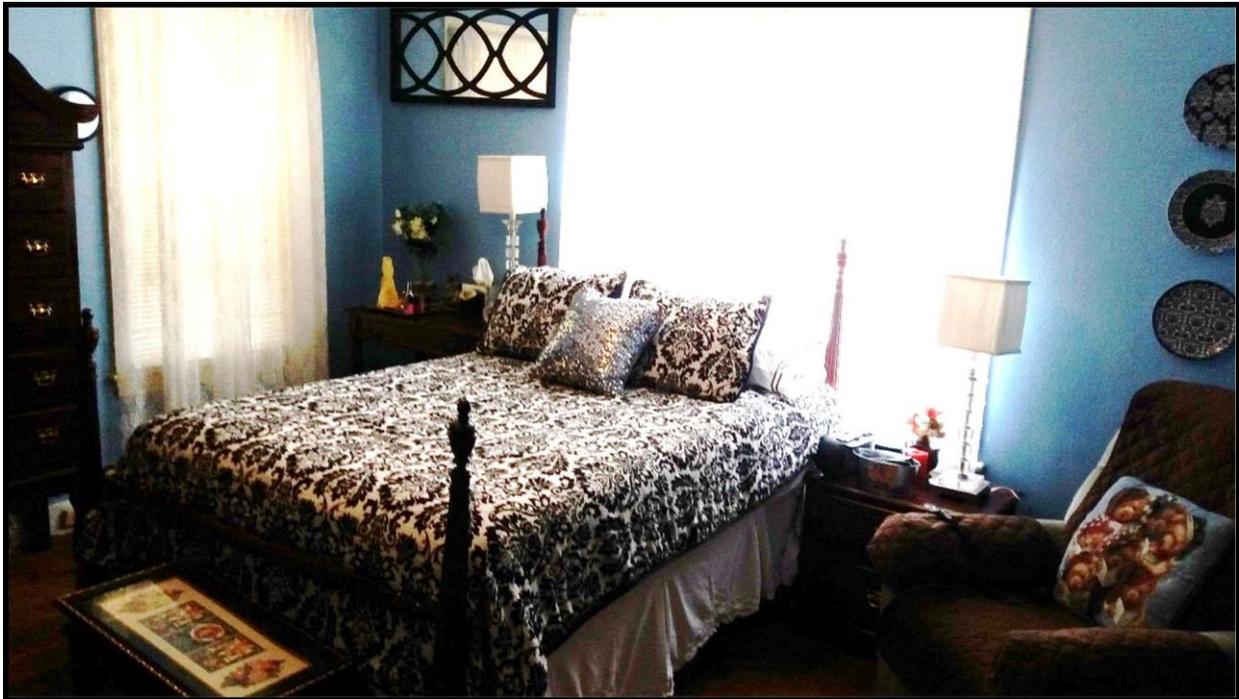
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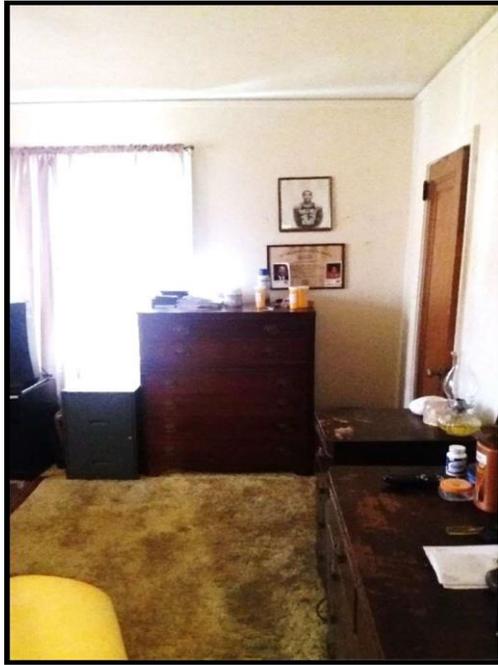
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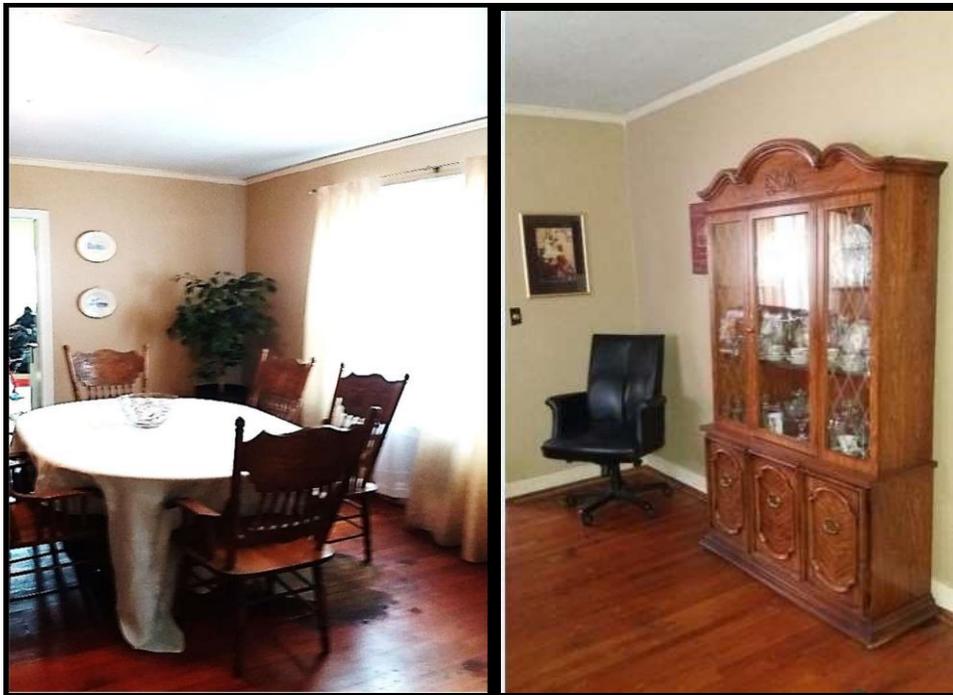
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DINING ROOM BEFORE



DINING ROOM AFTER



ACCESSIBILITY CHANGES TO BATHROOM AND STAIRWELL



HANDICAP BARS FOR TOILET

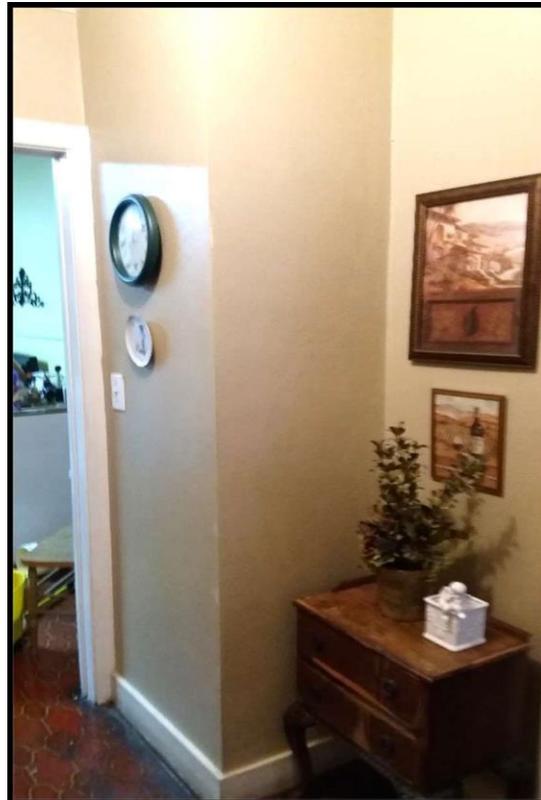
HANDICAP BAR FOR TUB

A STAIR LIFT WAS INSTALLED FOR STAIRWELL FROM MAIN FLOOR TO THE BASEMENT GARAGE

HALLWAY BEFORE



HALLWAY AFTER



PANTRY BEFORE



PANTRY AFTER

