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Dear Friend of Cal Poly:

Cal Poly's project management students are once again undertaking PolyHouse, a community service project I know you will find worthwhile. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this effort — you would be supporting a great cause and creating a life-changing opportunity for a local family.

PolyHouse is the class project in my project management class that involves renovating the home of a deserving family. The project not only develops students' project planning and management skills, but also exposes them to the benefits of community service.

Our client is a 21-year old girl with Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic postnatal neurological disorder of the grey matter of the brain that almost exclusively affects females. She was normal till the age of 2 until the syndrome effaced all aspects of life. She has had 3 major surgeries and countless days in the hospital. She lives with her mother and younger brother and requires assistance with all daily living needs: feeding, bathing, dressing, transferring and toileting. All the bedrooms are upstairs and her mom has to carry her up and down the stairs several times a day. Over the years, the physical demands of caring for her have taken a toll.

Our goal is to give this family hope by improving the safety and comfort of their home. The students plan to install a stair lift; make the bathroom, doorways and backyard wheelchair accessible; install hardwood floors; and provide other renovations.

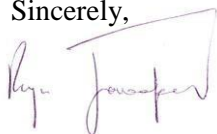
The entire project must be completed in only six days (**over two weekends in May**) before Cal Poly's quarter ends. It is ambitious, but we know we can accomplish our goals with your help.

Funding for this project depends entirely upon the generosity of local businesses and individuals. We have three levels of giving: the Gold level for gifts of \$1,000 and above, the Silver level for contributions between \$500-\$999, and the Bronze level for gifts of \$499 and below. These monetary contributions make it possible to purchase the materials necessary. Checks should be made payable to Cal Poly Industrial & Manufacturing Department — please designate Poly House in the memo section. We also need a wide range of materials and tools. If you wish to donate materials or tools, please contact me at the number or email below.

Your contribution is tax deductible; all contributions will be recognized on a banner at the job site viewable by the press, on our project website (<http://www.polyhouse.org>), and with a certificate of appreciation. We will also recognize your contribution in the Cal Poly Honor Roll of Donors.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Sincerely,



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