



California Polytechnic State University

Dear Cal Poly Community Member,

We would like to inform you about an exciting group of projects being done by Cal Poly Engineering graduate students. These projects, referred to as **PolyHouse**, are the focus of our project management class that aims at enhancing education through organizing an actual project that benefits the San Luis Obispo community. For the past nine years, PolyHouse has renovated the homes of a local families struggling with issues related to disabilities.

This spring we hope to help three families in the San Luis Obispo community. One of the families has a son in his 30's that is quadriplegic. His parents must transport him everywhere around the house and, as they age, it becomes increasingly difficult for them to care for their son. They eventually want to convert their residence into an assisted living home to support others and be able to continue living with their son.

The second family is a 20 year-old man, who has minimal use of his legs and left arm, and his mother. Now that the son is older, the mother is having a hard time taking care of him on her own. This team's goal is to add a track (and facilitate necessary renovations) that will allow him to have easier access to the restroom, living room, and kitchen without his mother's help.

The third team of students is working with a family in Paso Robles that has two disabled sons. One son is able to move around the house in his motorized wheelchair while the other son has no muscle function and relies on other people pushing him around in his wheelchair. This team plans to install lift to transport one son from his bed into his wheelchair and possibly around the house. In addition, they will attempt to make the house more wheelchair friendly by widening halls and doorways and installing hardwood floors.

The class objective is to plan and facilitate the execution of the house improvements for all three families and build collaborative partnerships for the program's long-term success. It is ambitious – especially planning and implementing three separate projects – but we know that we can accomplish our goals with your help.

We receive no funding and depend entirely upon the generosity of businesses and individuals in the community to make Poly House happen. We have three giving levels for the project: Gold (gifts of \$2,000 and above), Silver (\$1000-\$1999), and Bronze (gifts of \$999 and below).

Our three student teams will need to raise a total of \$100,000 in donations and in-kind gifts in order to obtain the materials to complete these projects. We hope you will give what you can to support this important cause. Checks should be made payable to Cal Poly IME Dept., with "**PolyHouse**" written in the memo section, or you can donate online through our website (<http://www.polyhouse.org>). We also need a wide range of materials and tools. If you wish to donate materials or tools please contact the fundraising team or Dr. Roya Javadpour at rjavadpo@calpoly.edu.

Your contribution is tax deductible (Tax ID: 95-1648180), and we will provide you with appropriate documentation. All gifts will be recognized on a banner at the job site viewable by the press, on our project website, and with a certificate of appreciation that you will receive. We will also recognize your contribution in the Cal Poly Honor Roll of Donors published each fall.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtful and generous support.

Sincerely,

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