

Dear Friend of Cal Poly:

Cal Poly's project management students are once again undertaking Poly House, 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.

Poly House is the class project in my graduate level 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 34-year-old disabled man born with cerebral palsy and epilepsy. After his mother passed away, his long-term caregiver and her husband assumed full responsibility for him. He requires assistance with all daily living skills: feeding, bathing, dressing, transferring and toileting. Over the years, the physical demands of caring for him have taken a toll. Lifting and bathing him, for instance, is a two-person task that waits until the caregiver's husband comes home from work.

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

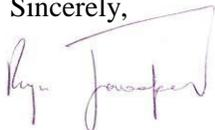
The challenge for the students is to plan and schedule the work and resources to assure that the entire project can be completed in only six days (**the second and third weekends in May**) before Cal Poly's quarter ends. It is ambitious, but we know we can accomplish our goals with your help.

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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