

Angela Walker Case Study – January 2017

Background:

Angela Walker is a United States Navy Veteran who served our country for three years (1985-1987). In 1987, Ms. Walker got injured climbing into a helicopter while serving in the military, and was required to have multiple surgeries. As time went on she began to suffer from chronic back pain and spinal stenosis.

In 2010, the pain got worse and it became very difficult for her to walk and do normal daily tasks. In 2012, Ms. Walker needed the assistance of a power chair. Ms. Walker currently resides in Lake Bluff, IL.



Ms. Walker leading a music group at the VA

Challenges to be Corrected:

- She had a difficult time getting in and out of her home
- The front door was not wide enough for her power chair



Ms. Walker & Brave

Solutions Provided by EHL S:

EHL S installed an outdoor wheelchair lift, built a deck, and widened the front door. Ms. Walker is now able to get in and out of her home safely. She even took the time to tell us how much the wheelchair lift and new door we installed has improved her overall quality of living: <https://youtu.be/jrMmC2t4XMk>

Brave the Service Dog: Brave helps Ms. Walker cope with PTSD and any other physical tasks she may need help with in & around her home. Brave graduated from an organization called Freedom Service Dogs in December 2016. Freedom Service Dogs provides essential, well-trained service dogs to military veterans, children with autism and people with mobility disabilities to handle life tasks which enable them to regain their independence.

Freedom Service Dogs is directly supported by Decker's Dogs. Founded by Eric and Jessica Decker, Decker's Dogs helps fund the rescue, care, and training of service dogs for military veterans who return home with disabilities. Ms. Walker's dog Brave was the 8th dog that was funded by Decker's Dogs. Brave has been a huge help to Miss Walker.



Wheelchair lift we installed, & the deck we built for Ms. Walker