

Case Study June 2018 – Don Carter – U.S. Veteran

Background:

Donald Carter is a 91-yr. old U.S. Veteran and currently resides in Oak Park, IL. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force when he turned 18 years old and proudly served from 1944-1945 in Texas & Colorado. As a classified air cadet, Mr. Carter learned how to fly a B-29 aircraft.



Mobility Challenges:

Over the past few years, Donald's mobility started to diminish. His legs started failing him due to a procedure that went wrong and the stairs started to become very difficult for him to safely manage. He had a number of handles installed on the wall beside the stairs for him to hold on to so that he could navigate the stairs. However, that was still very difficult for him and also unsafe. So, he really had no way to safely get in and out of his home and it started to become a daily hassle for him.



Mr. Carter using his new vertical platform lift to get up to his home entrance

Solutions:

EHLS installed a Bruno vertical platform, which now provides Mr. Carter a safe and easy way to get in and out of his home. Mr. Carter can now get into his scooter and safely navigate his way onto the lift to get to the ground level. After he reaches the ground level he is then able use his scooter to get around outside or get into his car in the garage.

Here is what Mr. Carter had to say about his new lift: "The lift has really been a life saver. I now have a safe and easy way to get in and out of my home and get where I want to go." If there had ever been a fire before the lift was installed I would have been in trouble. The lift is perfect and has a really smooth ride, and I'm very appreciative of what EHLS has done for me. The lift has been a life saver".

Thank You Mr. Carter for sharing your story!



Mr. Carter & Jim (EHLS) at the Oak Park-River Forest Memorial Day Parade



Mr. Carter riding in a Model T Ford with his family at the Oak Park-River Forest Memorial Day Parade

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